**Psalm 2** –

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,

3 “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.”

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

6 “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

7 I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

**John 3:16-18**

16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

**Acts 4:23 –26, 29-31** - When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

*“‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’—*

… 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

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Pastor Mitch Sermon – Psalm 2 – Why do the nations rage?

Psalm 2 Questions: How does God handle those who rage against Him and His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

• How can we pray honestly to God when we face \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from our world?

The people of Israel belonged to God and faced constant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and wars with the surrounding nations and kings. The king of Israel ruled from Jerusalem on Mount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In Israel kings were not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but instead were anointed with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which symbolized the Holy Spirit’s Presence upon them. In the time of David and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Israelites did rule over the surrounding nations.

The “Anointed One” in verse 2 in the Greek text is the word: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

God as our Creator has a rightful claim upon our life, but ever since Adam and Eve, humans have been resisting God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over our lives and raging against this claim upon us.

We insist we should be free of any limits to our self- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, so we seek to burst the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon us.

God responds in four ways: (2:4-5)

• God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

• God\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*James 1:20 - for the anger of man does not produce the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of God.*

What is God’s ultimate response to those who rage against Him? (*put in your own words*)

Psalm 2:10-12 closes with a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the kings and rulers.

God has provided a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of salvation, through His Son, but if we refuse to take refuge in Him, what is left for us but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

So what does this say about prayer:

One: Anger vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Two: Confidence vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Three: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vs. fearfulness

*Do you feel like in America there is increased hostility against Christianity and the church in the last decade? How have you tended to react to it?*

*What would it look like if we prayed confidently and boldly as the early church did?*

Fill-in-the-blank Answers:

* People
* Hostility
* Conflict
* Zion
* Crowned
* Oil
* Solomon
* “Christos” or Christ
* Authority
* Determination
* Bonds
* Laughs
* Scoffs
* Rebukes
* Terrifies
* Righteousness or Justice

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The short answers is John 3:16 --- Out of Love He sends His Son into the world that is raging against Him.

* Warning
* Way
* Destruction
* Rage
* Defensiveness
* Boldness