



## The Lord Laughs

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### Introduction

In this message we address our current political moment through the wisdom of Psalm 2.

### The Text: Psalm 2

*<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup> “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. <sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, <sup>6</sup> “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” <sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.” <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> 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.*

- 1) National politics presents an existential reality. Don't believe it!
- 2) Seek first the Kingdom of God and see yourselves as exiles in a foreign and temporary land.
- 3) Make sure you speak and act in ways that trust in Christ's Kingship and point others toward it.
- 4) Stop talking about “politics;” speak about policy, biblical principles, and “our blessed hope.”

*Isaiah 8:11-13: <sup>11</sup> For the Lord spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: <sup>12</sup> “Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. <sup>13</sup> But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.*

- 5) Never forget that the Lord sits on his throne (Psalm 2).

### Response

“Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear” (Isa 8:12)!

## Sunday Text Questions for Psalm 2 (“The Lord Laughs”)

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- 1) Starter Question: How is this intense political season affecting you, your family, and the church?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) What does v. 1 mean when it says the nations “rage” and the peoples “plot?”
- 4) How do the nations, America included, “set themselves ... against the Lord” (v. 2)?
- 5) When v. 4 says in response to the nations the Lord “laughs” and “holds them in derision [ridicule],” what is it wanting us to understand?
- 6) Based upon v. 5, what makes the rage and plotting of the nations the object of God’s wrath?
- 7) How does v. 7 announce what would eventually happen in the New Testament: the coming reign of King Jesus?
- 8) How does this passage teach us to look at the nations, America included?
- 9) How does this passage teach us to place our allegiance in King Jesus over all other political leaders?
- 10) How does this passage apply to the current election season and the intense political moment in America right now?

**Further study this week:** passages on “politics:” Revelation 13:1-10 (Mon); Romans 13:1-7 (Tues); 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (Wed); Jeremiah 22:1-5 (Thurs); Ephesians 6:10-20 (Fri).