

Who's In Charge?

Psalm 2

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Over the next 2 months I will be preaching a series from Psalms called "Songs in the Night: Questions Worth Answering". Today we explore Psalm 2 where David deals with the question "Who's In Charge?" From the time a little child is old enough to assert his independence to the day we die we struggle to answer this. Listen as David gives some insight into this question.

I. The Rebellion of Man-vv.1-3

1. This is known as a Messianic Psalm. It points to the reign of Jesus.
2. Words paint a picture of a mob, resisting claim of rightful king.
3. Very heart of sin.

II. The Reaction of God-vv.4-6

1. God laughs; holds them in derision
2. God is very emphatic in v.6

Acts 17:³⁰ "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

³¹ "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

3. God still commands all men to repent; judged by Jesus

III. The Reign of the Son-vv.7-9

1. A decree of God Almighty

Philippians 2:⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2. He is God's beloved Son.

Hebrews 1:⁵ ¶ For to which of the angels did He ever say: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"? And again: "I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son"?

3. God has given Him the nations. Either as:

- As an inheritance.

Revelation 7:⁹ ¶ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Revelation 11:¹⁵ ¶ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

¹⁷ saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

- Or to be judged!

4. Does He reign in my heart? Three tests:

- Checkbook
- Calendar
- Cranium/thought life

IV. **Our Response-vv.10-12**

1. Serve the Lord. Choice and consequences

Romans 6: ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?

¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness...²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. Rejoice with trembling
3. Kiss the Son
4. Be blessed by trusting the Son.