

## Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire  
and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their chains  
and throw off their shackles."

<sup>4</sup> The One enthroned in heaven laughs;  
the Lord scoffs at them.

<sup>5</sup> He rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

<sup>6</sup> "I have installed my king  
on Zion, my holy mountain."

<sup>7</sup> I will proclaim the LORD's decree:

He said to me, "You are my son;  
today I have become your father.

<sup>8</sup> Ask me,  
and I will make the nations your inheritance,  
the ends of the earth your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You will break them with a rod of iron;  
you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear  
and celebrate his rule with trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Kiss his son, or he will be angry  
and your way will lead to your destruction,  
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.