

The Authority of God: The Discipline of Submission

Psalm 2

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

²The 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.”

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

⁵Then 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.”

⁷I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

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

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

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

¹²Kiss 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.

Table Discussion Questions:

1. What is your reaction to the word *submission*?
2. Who is an example of someone who knew how to practice healthy, biblical submission? How has his or her life influenced you?
3. What scares you about submitting the entirety of your life to God?
4. What does it look like for a leader, an activist, or an achiever to be submissive to God?
5. Is there an area of your life that is particularly hard to submit to God - to say, "Not my will, but your will be done"? Why?
6. How does the love of Christ and promise of refuge give us faith to submit to Him in all things?

Challenge this Week:

Look over these characteristics of the discipline of submission every morning. Ask for God's grace to help you in this spiritual practice.

- Saying, "Not my will, but your will be done."
- Laying aside the need to be in charge or to control outcomes.
- Willing obedience to God and those to whom you owe obedience.
- An eager learner: humble, coachable, teachable.
- Letting go of an autonomous, "I can do it myself," attitude.
- Expressing a deep regard for others and what they might have to offer.