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# PSALMS

# Psalm 2

**“Rage or Refuge”**

“When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 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, 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? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'-- for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed...

...both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."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."

- Acts 4:23-31

# “Rage or Refuge”

## 1. The Futility of Rage - 1-6

*“Why do the nations rage ...”*

## 2. The Possibility of Refuge – 7-12

*“... blessed are all who take refuge in him.”*

*Why is there so much anger and  
opposition?*

*How are we supposed to handle it?*

# “Rage or Refuge”

## 1. The Futility of Rage - 1-6

*“Why do the nations rage ...”*

“You and I are living in a world, in which the [people] are raging. We are living in the midst of a storm. We are in a hurricane. We are in an age of violence. There is no longer any placidity. I needn’t keep you with this. You are all aware of it. We are in a violent world. People have always sinned. Man sins by nature. But he is not always violent. He is not always raging. ... Men and women are sinning openly, violently, boasting about it.”

– Martyn Lloyd-Jones  
May, 1980



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*“Why do the nations rage ...”*

*Engaging the “Why”*

*Hearing the Answer*

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*Decree of Enthronement*

“And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you.”

– Acts 13:32-33

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## 2. The Possibility of Refuge – 7-12

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*Decree of Enthronement*

*Heeding the Warning/Invitation*

“Do you know what we are witnessing in our world tonight. I can tell you. We are witnessing the wrath of God the Father and the Son when it is “kindled but a little.” The only way I can explain the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with its two world wars, with all the calamities, with all the concentration camps, the world as it is tonight, shivering on the brink of the abyss. What is this? I say this is a manifestation of the wrath of God when it is kindled but a little. ... We in our cleverness have said we can make a world without God, and we have been confident, we have set ourselves. We have taken counsel together. We’ve been defying God.”

– Martyn Lloyd-

Jones

“The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.”

– Psalm 34:22

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“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked ... but his delight is in the law of the LORD.”

– Psalm 1

“I have set my King on Zion my holy hill.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”

– Psalm 2