

**DSC Community Group**  
**Sermon Summary, 9/25/2011**

Title: "From Senseless Rage to Sure Refuge"

Text: Psalm 2

Series: "Pour Out Your Heart to Him: A Study in the Psalms" (Ps. 62:8)

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Psalm 1 and 2 together serve as something of an Introduction to the whole book of Psalms. Psalm 1 unpacks godliness. Psalm 2 unpacks ungodliness, especially in light of God's reign, His rule and His plan.

**1. Things are *worse* than they seem: the nations rage (1-3)**

- These verses tell us about the universe human problem, and it's worse than it appears to human eyes. It's not education, low self-esteem, economy, big business, big government, Hollywood, etc. It's sin.
- The nations rage: implies anger *and* restlessness; Our restlessness shows itself in numerous ways: depression, frustration, anger and fighting, wars, etc.
- Peoples plot in vain: For all our innovation/sophistication, we're still depressed, frustrated, and angry.
- This plotting is against the Lord: But is the rage and restlessness of humanity really *against the Lord*? In short, we all want a king (someone to lead us, protect us, etc.), but we don't want *this* King.
- Their goal? To tear away "Fetters" and "cords," or, in other words, we want autonomy from God.

**2. Things are more *sure* than they seem: God reigns (4-5)**

- Despite the chaos and rebellion, God is not threatened. He laughs at our pathetic attempts to resist.
- He's not threatened because He is sovereign (Daniel 4:34-35; Proverbs 21:1; Isaiah 40:15-18).
- Things are more sure than they seem because He is the final judge. Notice that he "sits," he speaks in "fury," he is "terrifying." The end is fixed.

**3. His plan is more *centralized* than we might think: it rests on His Son (6-9)**

- Psalm 2 is about king David and His Son, but that Son is ultimately Jesus Christ.
- God's promises to David for an eternal kingdom are found in 2 Samuel 7.
- Acts 4:23-28 - The first Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of Psalm 2. Genealogies are in the NT to show us that God fulfills His promises!
- The OT itself is pointing to a future Son: The Seed of the Woman (Gen 3:15); Prophet like Moses (Deut 34:10); King in Israel (Deut 17:14-20; Judges 21:25); Anointed One, a Messiah (1 Sam 2:35); Immanuel Child (Isa 9:6-7); Suffering Servant (Isa 53); David's Son (Isa 11:1); David's Lord (Psa 110).
- The cross is the intersection of the rage of humankind and the reign of God through His Son.

**4. The King is more *fierce* and more *merciful* than we can imagine (10-12)**

- More Merciful: "serve him with fear," "rejoice with trembling," "kiss the son," blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." That he lets us do this and blesses us in it is *awesome*. We "rejoice with trembling" when we stand at the edge of the Grand Canyon.
- More Fierce: Revelation 19:11-16 show's Jesus in great wrath at the final judgment.
- How will you respond to the King? 1) Rejection/Rebellion/Resistance/Restlessness = Recompense, or 2) Relenting/Repenting/Receitv/Refuge/restoration/rejoicing/reverence?

**Sample Questions:**

- What illustrations do we find in our daily experience (our lives/personal histories) of the rage/restlessness of humankind? What have we loved before that was actually a form of rage?
- We don't have "kings" in our day and place, but who did Ryan say are our functional "kings"? How is this actually a kind of raging against God? What texts of Scripture can you think of? (Ro 1)
- How is Psalm 2 ultimately about Jesus Christ? Where is this Psalm picked up in the NT?
- What comfort can we find in the genealogies in the New Testament?
- We are either blessed or destroyed by this Son. Are we resisting him or revering/taking refuge/rejoicing in him? If we claim allegiance to Christ, is this how we imagine Him to be? Is he *merciful* and *terrifying*?
- Is this the Christ we tell people about, warn people about, and invite to serve?

