

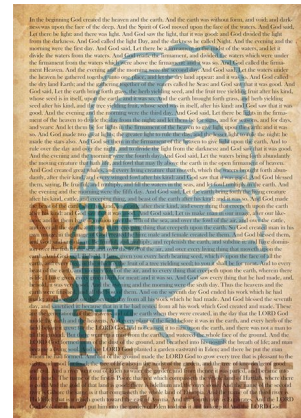


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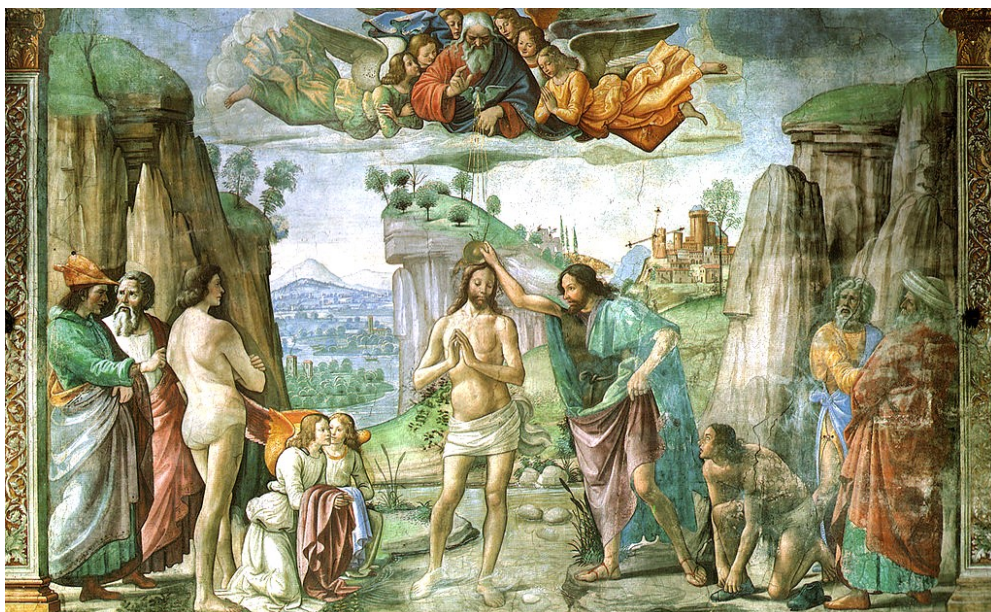
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"For the whole Christ is in every word and wholly in each individual word. When He is denied, therefore, in one word, He is totally denied, for He is in every word."
-Martin Luther (*Luther's Works*, 25:238).

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Why Do the Nations Rage?

Recently I was asked about how the Bible might speak to all the cultural unrest lately, especially the rioting, looting, and violent protesting that's been happening in our country. A great question! In short, I think Psalm 2 is a great place to start in times like these.

It begins with a question: "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?" (Ps. 2:1). What strikes me about this opening line is the *present tense* that's used: the nations *rage* and the peoples *plot*. It just keeps happening. Far from a one-time event in the past or something that will happen in the future, the raging and plotting is ongoing. There just won't be a time when it doesn't exist.

If that's the "when" of the psalm, the "who" and the "where" can be answered next. "The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel..." (Ps. 2:2). The raging that continues to happen is carried out not only by people of power (kings/rulers) but it also happens all over the globe (nations/earth). You might say that the raging of Psalm 2 spans both the vertical (people in authority) and the horizontal (peoples across the globe) dimensions.

Also fascinating is the “why” question. The psalm continues: “against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, ‘Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us’” (Ps. 2:2–3). While there may be different types of raging happening in many different places, there’s a sense in which all raging and plotting is *ultimately* “against the Lord and against his Anointed.” We may not always connect these dots, but it’s very similar to King David when, after committing adultery and murder, confessed “Against you, *you only*, have I sinned...” (Ps. 51:4). Weren’t there others involved?

Most striking, however, is how the Lord responds in this psalm to all the worldwide raging. “He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ‘As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill’” (Ps. 2:4–6).

Amazing! Instead of raining down fire and sulfur (see Gen. 19:24), sending a destroying angel to take care of the situation (see Is. 37:36), or something similar, the Lord simply *speaks* about a King on his holy hill who also happens to be his Son (Ps. 2:7). No matter what’s going on, all eyes on him!

The beauty of Psalm 2, as I see it, is that it takes all the persistent, worldwide raging against God and funnels it all into the person and work of Christ. We may not have all the answers we want, but the Lord does give us *the ultimate answer* to whatever turmoil or unrest is happening in our lives. Whatever it is, the Lord directs *everyone’s* attention to the Son whom he has placed on his holy hill. Those who continue to rage against this Son will eventually be destroyed (Ps. 2:9), but those who trust in him will most certainly be blessed (Ps. 2:12).

“Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth” (Ps. 2:10)!

Dr. Brian German
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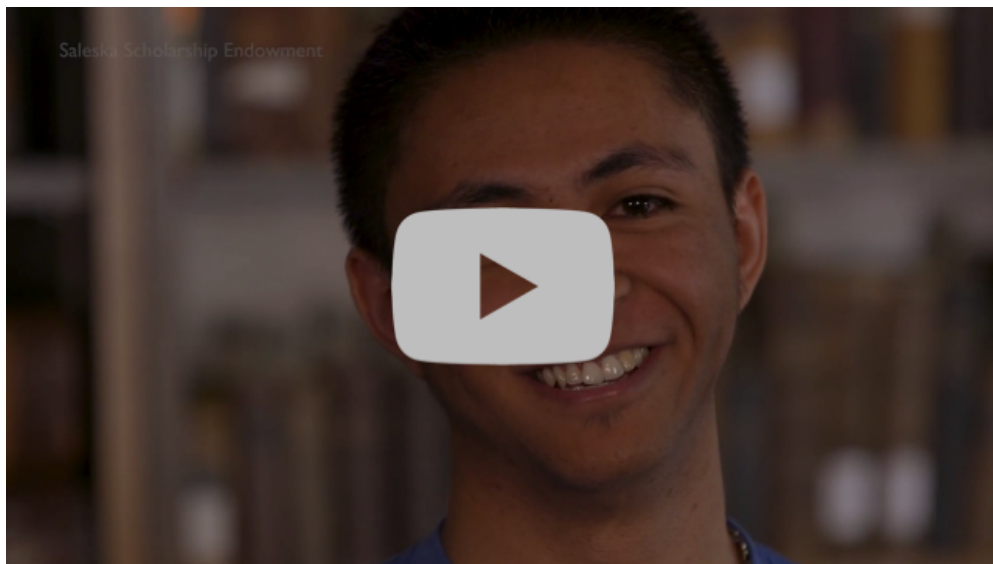
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1 Chron. 29:10-13 Job 31-33	2 Psalm 86 Job 34-36	3 Psalm 87 Job 37-39	4 Psalm 88 Job 40-42	5 Psalm 89 Proverbs 1-3
6 Psalm 90 Proverbs 4-7	7 Psalm 91 Proverbs 8-10 Happy Labor Day!	8 Psalm 92 Proverbs 11-13	9 Psalm 93 Proverbs 14-16	10 Psalm 94 Proverbs 17-19	11 Psalm 95 Prov. 20-22	12 Psalm 96 Prov. 23-25
13 Psalm 97 Prov. 26-28	14 Psalm 98 Prov. 29-31	15 Psalm 99 Ecclesiastes 1-3	16 Psalm 100 Eccl. 4-6	17 Psalm 101 Eccl. 7-9	18 Psalm 102 Eccl. 10-12	19 Psalm 103 Song of Solomon 1-4
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