

Psalm 2 Questions

1. According to the New Testament in Acts 4:23-31, who wrote this psalm?
2. What is happening in Acts 4:23-31 when Psalm 2:1,2 is being quoted?
3. Verse 1 --- Give the New Testament synonym for the "nations" (KJV "heathen").
4. Verse 2 --- According to Acts 4:27, to Whom does "His Anointed" (i.e., His Messiah – His King) refer?
5. Verse 3 suggests that who has been subjected to Whom?
6. Verse 3 – What do those who have been subjected (chained and bound) plan to do?
7. Verse 4 – What is the point of verse 4, to say that God laughs? Is He amused? Or are there different kinds of laughs, too, that would make more sense?
7. Verse 4 – From where does God laugh? Does this location help explain why He laughs? After He laughs, does the Bible say that He got up and paced about, concerned?
8. Verse 6 -- Who has been set upon the holy mountain of Zion?
9. Verses 7-9 --- Who is pictured as speaking?
10. Verses 7-9 --- The Speaker in verses 7-9 tells of Whose words?

11. Verse 7 – Try your best to find other passages where **this verse** is quoted in the New Testament?

In Acts 13

In Hebrews 1

In Hebrews 5

And, are there other times when **this psalm** is quoted or alluded to in the New Testament?

In Acts 4

In Revelation 2

In Revelation 12

In Revelation 19

12. Verse 7 -- What day is referred to? That is, when was the Son begotten, according to Acts 13:32,33? (note that it is not when He was born in a manger.) There is a passage that calls Him Firstborn to help explain this better, in Revelation 1:5

13. Verse 8 – At what point, did He inherit all nations – in other words, when did He say that He was in charge of all the kingdoms of the earth? Or to say it another way, when did He take possession of the whole earth, even “its ends”?

14. Verse 9 --- What will happen to the little kings who plot against God and His Messiah? In other words, will He rule among friends only, or also among His enemies? What happens to those enemies?

15. Verses 10-12 --- What are the primary things that kings (and we!) should do?

a. Verse 10 – Be _____

b. Verse 10 – Be _____

c. Verse 11 – Serve _____ with _____

d. Verse 11 – _____ with _____

e. Verse 12 – _____ the _____

f. Verse 12 at the end --- Blessed are all who _____ _____ in _____

16. What does it mean to serve Jehovah with fear and rejoice with trembling. How can fear and rejoicing be compatible (and notice that 'fear' and 'trembling' here do not mean 'respect' but rather 'terror')?

Is God just-like-us-only-bigger, so to speak, according to Hebrews 12:25-29? In other words, can we approach Him in the Psalms as our equal and our colleague (Revelation 1:12-18)?

How would you describe God in this psalm?

How would you describe His Messiah in this psalm?

17. Knowing what you know about this psalm, does it seem to have anything to do with a particular time in David's life and reign? Or is this psalm more about Someone Else's Life and Reign?