

Monday, February 26, 2024 - Day 11 of Lent

Open in Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you know that in this world we are under great pressure, so that at times, we fall, we get hurt, we are wounded, we retreat. Remind us that in our weakness, Your strength is enough. You can pick us up and place us on the path You desire for us to walk. You can heal any wound or hurt. And when we retreat, we can retreat to the shadow of the cross, and abide in You. This week, help me find refuge in You, O Lord. Amen.

Read Psalm 2 (NIV)

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain." I will proclaim the LORD's decree: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Answer the following questions:

As we begin week three of Lent, we want to glance back to the reason behind this season – Repentance and Humility. It is good to remember that as we stand in the majestic presence of God, we are frail sinners who deserved the wrath of God, but for His grace.

Psalm 2 is a "Royal Psalm" which focuses on God's Kingly attributes and character. As the nations writhe against God, pushing back against His rule, denying His authority, rebelling against God Almighty, God responds with laughter and rebuke.

1. Where do you see judgment in the passage?
2. How does God handle judgment against those rebelling against Him?

3. Compare that to how God has responded to you in your rebellion. What is different?
4. God seems to encourage those who are against Him to stop their rebellion, and instead, do what?
5. What does it mean to take refuge in God?
6. How does God invite us to do that still today, as His people, His children?

God is good, and His love endures forever. His mercies are new every morning! Therefore, let us throw off the sin that so easily entangles and run the race marked out for us, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Let us run to the refuge of the King, and allow Him to care for us, equipping us to continue the race.

Close in Prayer

Rather than me giving you a prayer to close with this week, take a few moments and write a prayer today which relates to God's refuge. Put it on a post-it note and leave it on your bathroom mirror, that will give you 6 different prayers by the end of the week to pray as you get ready in the morning, or wind down in the evening.