"Who's Your King?" Psalm 2

Sermon Series: "Jesus In The Storm"

Introduction: That may seem like a strange title to you because we do not have a king in the United States and get angry when a politician tries to act like a king. Our country was birthed out of escaping the rule of a king that our founders believed was acting like a tyrant. However, in order to understand life correctly, we must understand that something is ruling over us (Romans 6:16). P.T. Forsyth said, "The first duty of every soul is not to find its freedom but its Master."

One of the key themes of the Bible is a battle between the kingdom of darkness often expressed through the kingdoms of this world that we build individually and societally vs. the Kingdom of God (Colossians 1:13, Matthew 4:8-10).

So, you may be asking why talk about this, particularly right now, while we are in the midst of this pandemic. You may be thinking that we said we were going to do this "Jesus In The Storm" series to speak to our needs right now in this season. Well, I'm asking you to work with me because the importance of this may not be obvious at this second, but I hope to show you in the next half hour or so why this is one of the more important things you will ever hear. This idea is foundational to our lives. Augustine said a long time ago, "That which man builds man destroys, but the city of God [kingdom] is built by God and cannot be destroyed by man." What are you building your life on as an individual? What is ruling over you? How is it working for you? What are we building as a society? How has what we have built stood up through this crisis? Why are we in this crisis? Is it God's judgment? What is God doing through this? The reality is that the question of "who's your King" is one of the most important questions we will ever answer because it determines how we live our lives.

Main Idea: God rules while humanity rebels. Jesus is enthroned as King who both judges and saves so we can either continue in rebellion and be judged or surrender to Him and be saved.

1. God rules. God, by virtue of being Creator of all, rules over all. He rules by decree (v. 7), not democracy. I believe that He is sovereign over all, even when circumstances are difficult. Do you believe this or do you believe that we are masters of our own fate? Even during the Constitutional Convention, prayer was referenced as a solution to the tension in the room on June 28, 1787, when the patriarch of that assemblage, Benjamin Franklin, stood and said, addressing the Chair: "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God Governs in the

affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?"

Notice also that HE laughs in derision at the rebellion of men. That which upsets us so much prompts laughter in heaven. Our rebellion is no threat to the King of the universe.

2. Humanity rebels (v. 1-5).

3. Jesus is enthroned as King who judges and saves (v. 6-9). This Psalm calls Jesus Messiah (v. 2), my King (v. 6), Son [of God] (v. 7). He is said to be begotten by God (v. 7, Hebrews 1:5 and Acts 13:33).

He judges (v. 9 and Revelation 19:11-16) and saves (v. 8, 12). Acts 4:23-31, Revelation 7:9-10, Matthew 28:18-20

4. Our response is either rebellion or surrender (v. 10-12).

We can persist in rebellion and try to be our own god living our own life or we can surrender to the King in service, allegiance ("kiss"), and trust. If we really trust Him, our allegiance belongs to Him so we surrender to Him as Lord, God, and King.

Conclusion:

Who's your King? Are you rebelling or surrendering? Is Jesus your Lord and King? Are you really saved? Are you living like it? Do you need to surrender to Him today?