## Here is Our King - Psalm 2 (Royal Psalms)

How are we called to honor God in a world driven by a desire for power?

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The kings and rulers are reacting <u>emotionally</u> to God's rule and are like toddlers having a temper tantrum that they are not getting their way.

The permanently <u>anointed</u> King is Jesus Christ.

The rulers don't want anyone above them but desire to be their own ultimate authority.

Not all authorities and rulers and presidents are inherently against God.

We are called to <u>submit</u> to authority on earth, as it is instituted by God, so long as it does not contrast with God's ultimate authority.

The politics always comes down to wanting your person to be in power so they can implement the laws and have the authority to do what you want them to. However, this usually extends to bashing the opposing side for thinking differently than you.

So when you really look at it. Is it Democrat vs Republican.

Conservative vs Liberal? Or is it God's platform of <u>love</u> vs the world's platform of hate.

Power extends further than our government. There are rulers in our country that have been given authority through <u>influence</u>.

Sometimes those influencers lead to great things for the Kingdom of God.

Many influencers lead people away from God, creating a <u>culture</u> that believes in things contrary to the way God calls us to live.

In response to the authorities, rulers, and influencers plotting against God on earth, He SITS in the Heavens LAUGHING!

While not intimidated, God will have no tolerance for these authorities.

Jesus performed the most kingly and <u>royal</u> act ever, by loving his subjects to the point of ultimate sacrifice.

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Beautiful are the feet that bring good news.

This is what it means to be a <u>leader</u>, to wield authority and power, it means to lay it all down for those you serve and love.

Matthew 4:8-10 records Jesus being tempted by the devil as he wanders in the wilderness.

Jesus could have accepted the devils offer and become a powerful ruler over the earth, with power and wealth while being served by many. But instead, Jesus faithfully follows God, and is enthroned King in an act of great humility.

We cannot be a power of ourselves with no greater authority because we are <u>created</u> beings.

Jesus, who is our ultimate King, will not change and has the authority to break and rebuild our system at His will.

Verses 10-12 are a warning to the people in power on earth.

Why should rulers rejoice that they should fear a higher authority? Because as humans we are not perfect. We will make mistakes and our human systems, leaders, rulers, will come to an end. But when we rejoice in the leadership of our eternal God who has no end, there is hope no matter the status of our earthly systems and culture.

God's wrath is shown against those that challenge Him.

Let God be your <u>foundation</u> for your leadership because your own power will never be enough.

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