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¹ Why do the nations rebel and
the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth take
their stand and the rulers
conspire together against the
Lord and His Anointed One:



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³ “Let us tear off their chains and free ourselves from their restraints.”

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord ridicules them.

⁵ Then He speaks to them in His anger and terrifies them in His wrath:



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⁶ “I have consecrated My King on Zion, My holy mountain.”

⁷ I will declare the Lord’s decree: He said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have become Your Father.”



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⁸ Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your inheritance and the ends of the earth Your possession.

⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron; You will shatter them like pottery.”

¹⁰ So now, kings, be wise; receive instruction, you judges of the earth.



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¹¹ Serve the Lord with reverential awe, and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Pay homage to the Son, or He will be angry, and you will perish in your rebellion, for His anger may ignite at any moment. All those who take refuge in Him are happy (blessed).

1. There is Always Turmoil in the World

² The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers conspire together
against the Lord and His Anointed One:

- Turmoil is the result of outright rejection of the universal rule of God .
- The goal of the rebellion is lordship.

2. World Affairs are No Worry to God

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord ridicules them.

- The Lord is not perturbed by the turmoil among the nations.
- His laughter is an expression of ridicule, for he knows their end.

3. God Has the Answer

¹¹ Serve the Lord with reverential awe (fear), and rejoice with trembling.

The “fear” (*yir·āh*) of the Lord in this situation is not a sign of emotional instability but a mark of wisdom.

We are to pay “homage,” which connotes a willingness to become a servant and thus to recognize God’s lordship.

4. Take Refuge in God

12...All those who take refuge in Him are happy (blessed).

- *Take refuge in him* translates a verb which appears some twenty-four times in Psalms meaning of “covering,” “caring for,” or “helping.”
- A better translation: How happy are the people God takes care of.



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Let's be happy and let Him
control our lives and the turmoil
of this world.