

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

### Title:

Take Refuge in the  
King

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### Scriptures:

Psalm 2

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**Theme:** Take refuge in the King, who is established forever.

**Introduction:** When Jesus stood trial before Pilate, Pilate asserted his authority in an attempt to intimidate Jesus. But Jesus turned the tables, telling Pilate that the little authority he had was given by the Father (John 19:10-11). The Bible everywhere assumes and asserts the absolute sovereignty of God, and he is the One who delegates authority to all lesser authorities. Psalm 2 shows us some important implications of these truths.

Here are 2 implications from the Psalm:

### 1. We need refuge

This psalm identifies 2 threats: the rebels, and the Son-King. The rebels are a threat to because they hate the Lord and his people. They rage and plot against him seeking to throw off his rule.

When the nations rage, the Lord is not threatened. Instead, he laughs; and then he points to his agent on the earth, his Anointed One. He will settle matters.

The king will break those who rage with a rod of iron. There is a warning here for every earthly authority—we must respect and submit to the King. We must, as it were, “kiss the Son.”

### 2. God gives refuge

The king is established on Zion, the Lord’s “holy hill.” It is the place where he has established his throne, the place from which his power and authority are exercised.

The point at which his enemies claimed victory (his crucifixion) became instead the moment of his triumph, his coronation as king.

In his reign, he protects us from the world and its lies, and also from the wrath of God.

### Questions:

1. Do you see and feel your need for refuge? Are you a sinner?
2. How has Jesus defeated sin and death?
3. Are you trusting Jesus? How do you want to grow in faith?