

# Psalms

## *Worship regulated by the Word – Christ in the Psalms*

1. Psalms 1 and 2 form the introduction to and the doorway into the whole Psalter.
  - Structure: Two beatitudes (Psalm 1:1-2; Psalm 2:12)
  - Themes: The Word and the Son

### **True worship is offered to God the Father through His Son alone as revealed in the Scripture alone.**

2. Three ways Psalm 1 points us to Jesus:
  - Verse 2: The Law (*Torah*) of the Lord, His covenantal instruction founded upon grace (Exodus 20:1-2). The Law points us to Christ our Savior.
  - Verse 6: The word ‘righteous’ points to the righteousness of Christ imputed to the believer (Romans 3:28; Galatians 2:16).
  - The Lord **knows** (*yada*) the way of the righteous (verse 6). His covenantal knowing of His elect is **in Christ** (Ephesians 1:3-14).

## Psalm 2

### *The reign of the Messiah, the Son of God*

3. Psalm 2 speaks of the rebellion of nations against the only true Monarch and the sure victory and eternal reign of God’s Son.

**Theme: Christ’s kingdom is eternal, certain, unshakable, and over all the nations. Those who surrender to the Son have eternal life.**

Scene 1: The nations rage - *Universal treason* (verses 1-3)

Scene 2: God laughs - *God’s sovereignty* (verses 4-5)

Scene 3: The King speaks - *God’s decree* (verses 6-9)

Scene 4: The wise listen - *God’s command* (verses 10-12)

### Observations:

Verses 1-3. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Acts 4:23-31).

Verses 4-5. Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases (Psalm 115:3).

Verses 6-9. God has given all authority in heaven and on earth to His Son (Mathew 28:18-20).

Verses 10-12. If you don’t worship Jesus, you don’t worship God (John 5:23; 14:6).