

Selections from the Psalms | Joy • Lament • Jesus

07 Anointed One

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I. INTRODUCTION

We have covered a lot of ground this summer and seen the many facets of the Psalms. For the remainder of the summer we are going to look at a few Psalms that have a clear Messianic focus. Meaning, they point most clearly towards Jesus, either through David or Jesus quoting directly from the Psalms indicating that it was ultimately talking about him. Now, most weeks we have already seen echoes of the gospel in all the Psalms and seen how the Psalter's cries of joy or lament ultimately find their deepest expression in Christ, the God-man!

The next three weeks we intend to look more directly at the connects many Psalms have with Jesus, seeing how they directly talk about Him.

So imagine with me, you are the people of God reading and singing these Psalms consistently. With every singing you begin to hear hints of something beyond the moment it mentions. You wonder if there could be more, and your longings increase as you sing; hoping and trusting in God's faithfulness. Fast forward to the NT and what we see are these longings realized in Jesus.

This is why the Gospels, Jesus himself, and Paul's letters quote from the OT so often, because the OT and NT were meant to be seen as one book with a common thread binding them together cohesively; making it truly a divine book.

The story unfolds from Genesis to Revelation starting with Creation, Fall, Promise, Redemption, Church, and Restoration. Which the Psalms has all these elements within its pages; joy at God's creation, promises, future redemption, and lament at the effects of the fall upon the world which lead to hope for future redemption and restoration.

That is why the people of God keep the Psalter close to them; to be consistently reminding themselves of God and his promises that speak to a bigger reality than their current circumstance.

This particular Psalm is what we call a Royal Psalm. These Psalms have David as their focus. Psalms 2 primarily has his kingship and the hostility he is and will face as its focus.

II. BREAKDOWN OF PSALMS 2

A. Nations come against the Lord's Anointed One (**READ** 1-3)

1. Obviously the surrounding nations have come against Israel's king. So much so they are plotting, though in vain as at the text reminds us, but nonetheless together kings plot to overthrow this King appointed, rather anointed by the Lord himself to lead. Which leads me to the anointing business...who was this king and how is he anointed by God himself.

Well, you might remember the story of the prophet Samuel being told by God to go to Jesse's house and find a new king to replace Saul, who had rejected God and he removed the kingship away from him. The people chose Saul, now The Lord was going to choose the next King who would model for all Israel how to follow God and represent God to them. So the story

goes, that Jesse's sons line up before Samuel and one by one God says no until there are no more sons in the room. So Samuel ask Jesse if he had anymore sons. Jesse replies, "*There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.*" Samuel instructs him to go get him. Here is how the scriptures recount his arrival...

2. 1 Samuel 16:12-13, "*And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy (red) and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.'* Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward."

B. God set his Anointed one as King (**READ** 4-6)

1. *He who sits in heaven laughs...* YHWH is not bothered by the upheaval, the rejection of his King, because he cannot be overcome. The confidence does not lie with the people's acceptance, but in a Holy God who has anointed, who has chosen this King. And this King will be successful...

C. The success of the Anointed One (**READ** 7-9)

1. 2 Samuel 7:12-16, "*When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And*

your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

2. The Lord’s Anointed will succeed so...

D. All should turn toward the Anointed One (**READ** 10-12)

III. DAVID TO JESUS¹

A. For the people of God everything was wrapped up in the Kingship of a Davidic line—so much so the word *Messiah* is taken from the Hebrew word that is translated anointed here and then this word gets translated into the Greek as *Christ*, it becomes the longing of the people of God and this is all based upon the things we just looked at; which to clarify is that the anointed one (Messiah) was to rule forever on God’s behalf to build God’s Kingdom, his rule and reign on earth. But David died, all kings in his line died, and as we have been looking at the past few weeks the people of God face a difficult exile; does not look to promising for God’s Kingdom. So how does it come to pass, as 2 Samuel and Psalms 2 promised; that his kingdom, the Anointed one, would reign forever. Well, it is because it was not the historic David that would reign forever but a future one. David serves as a rubric for the coming King who could actually fulfill the Kingly duties needed to reign over the entire world. This is not for man to do, but God himself. This is clearly seen in the trajectory of the scriptures, David here is not a simple reflection on the good old days but rather a fresh reminder that the Lord’s Anointed will indeed succeed!

¹ Helpful article...Gentry, Peter J. “Rethinking the Sure Mercies of David.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 69/2 (2007): 279-304.

- B. But if you are not convinced lets look at
1. Acts 4:25-26, Peter and John were arrested and stood before a council “because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead” (Acts 4:2). Then they are released and report back to the many believers and reported what had occurred. Upon hearing this, *they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “ ‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’ ”—for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both ^wHerod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,*

 2. Son of God, terms used for both David and Jesus
 - a) Acts 13:31-33—*But God raised him from the dead,³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people.³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers,³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “ ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you.’*
 - b) The great preacher of Hebrews uses Ps 2 twice to establish Jesus as the Son.

- (1) Hebrews 1:5, *For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"?*
- (2) Hebrews 5:5, *So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"*

c) I think it important to mention just one other place we see Jesus called Son; at his baptism. In Matthew 3:13-17 the *Spirit of God descends* like a dove on Jesus and then a voice cries out from heaven and quotes Psalm 2 and says, this is my beloved Son. God anoints Jesus as King and calls him his Son!! The Davidic line has come to be, the rule and reign of God's Kingdom is brought about by Jesus!

IV. THEREFORE...

- A. There has to be a divine nature to the bible
- B. As the great reforms declared 500 years ago, *Solus Christus*, only Christ! It is only through Christ we are made secure.
- C. The bible truly is a love story of God's faithfulness to his promises...God does not lie! (Titus 1:2)
- D. The Lord's Anointed One, is ultimately Jesus; therefore, take refuge in Him! We should respond as the Psalms instructs us
 1. Serve him with fear/reverence
 2. Rejoice in trembling
 3. Kiss (affirmation, allegiance, devotion, affection, a way to pay homage) the Son, his wrath is unbearable
 4. **Take refuge in Him**