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Tonight I call your attention to the second psalm. The Bible is appropriate for all ages, for all periods of time. This second psalm here has had a meaning for God's people ever since it was first given. But never I think did it have more specific meaning for God's people than today. So, today I would like to read with you the second psalm, and then we will go over with you the second psalm. Then we will go over in more detail and see how very, very much it fits today. The psalm gives us a sketch of God's attitude and man's attitudes toward God, and sketch of what God is going to do in the future. Psalm two then: "Why do the heathen ^{...}rage?" By the way this word here translated heathen is a Hebrew word which actually means nation, but as used in the Old Testament, it is used a great deal of the other nations round about Israel and hence it is very appropriate to translate it heathen or Gentiles. It is hard to be sure which is the best translation in a particular case. We just have to see the context, "Why do the nations rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the ~~my~~ decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."