# **Psalms for Quarantine**

Why the Psalms?

# Psalms 1-2

The Blessed Man and the Lord's Messiah

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#### Psalm 1: The Blessed Man

How blessed is the man who does not
 Walk in the counsel of the wicked,
 Nor stand in the path of sinners,
 Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
 But his delight is in the law of Yahweh,
 And in His law he meditates day and night.
 And he will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water,
 Which yields its fruit in its season
 And its leaf does not wither;
 And in whatever he does, he prospers.

### Psalm 1: The Blessed Man

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,

But they are like chaff which the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the Yahweh knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

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### Psalm 2: The Lord's Messiah

Why are the nations in an uproar
 And the peoples devising a vain thing?
 The kings of the earth take their stand
 And the rulers take counsel together
 Against Yahweh and against His anointed, saying,
 "Let us tear their fetters apart
 And cast away their cords from us!"

#### Psalm 2: The Lord's Messiah

<sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them.

<sup>5</sup> Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,

<sup>6</sup> "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

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#### Psalm 2: The Lord's Messiah

<sup>7</sup> "I will surely tell of the decree of Yahweh: He said to Me, 'You are My son, Today I have begotten you.

8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as your inheritance,

And the very ends of the earth as your possession. <sup>9</sup> 'You shall break them with a rod of iron,

You shall shatter them like earthenware."

#### Psalm 2: The Lord's Messiah

<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; Take warning, O judges of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Worship Yahweh with reverence

And rejoice with trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Kiss the son, lest he not become angry, and you perish in the way,

For his wrath may soon be kindled.

How blessed are all who take refuge in him!

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# Psalms 1-2: The Entrance Gate

- Psalm 1: a contrast between the way of the righteous and the way of the wicked
- Psalm 2: Yahweh's Messiah reigns over the nations and is the source of judgment and blessing

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#### Psalm 1: The Blessed Man

· he is not shaped by the world but by the word of God which gives him stability and enduring vitality

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# Psalms 1-2: The Entrance Gate

## Psalm 2: The Lord's Messiah

· Yahweh's King/Messiah/Son will not be thwarted but will reign absolutely and universally

<sup>32</sup> And we preach to you the good news of the promise made to the fathers,

<sup>33</sup> that God has fulfilled this *promise* to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, 'You are My Son; Today I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU.'

(Acts 13:32-33)

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(Psalm 2:12)

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