

PRAYING PSALM 2

“Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing” (Psalm 2:1)?

This psalm begins with a question: Why? It is normal to ask this, as long as it isn't – “Why me?” Why is one of the most frequently asked questions in Psalms. God doesn't always give an answer. Sometimes the praying person will need to move on without an answer. It is as natural for us to ask our Heavenly Father why as it is to ask our earthly father. We ought not to be afraid to ask the question, as long as it isn't “Why me?” Psalm 2 deals with why people rebel against God and His Christ. The psalmist asked for all of us who wonder why God let's his enemies get away with raging against Him. An answer is given in the psalm, but first an interjection – God laughs, not at the question but at the fools who rebel. Here's the answer: God the Father will place His Son as King over the earth and break into pieces those who desire to overthrow Him. Then the psalmist counsels kings of the earth to use wisdom and to serve Christ with fear and trembling. “Kiss (embrace) the Son, lest He be angry and you perish...”

It is never wrong to start prayer with why. Understanding may not come immediately, and it might not come until eternity. By then the why won't make any difference. That is where faith comes in. Faith is trusting God when we don't understand why. “Why” is not a refusal of God's will. “Why me” is. Why desires a reason. It wants understanding. The Book of Proverbs was written to answer the why questions. In Ecclesiastes Solomon asks why when he can't reconcile apparent contradictions between faith and fact. When you sincerely ask why, you open yourself to a growing and deeper faith. Don't condemn yourself or others for asking why. Just wait on an answer and search the Word. If the why can't be found there, you don't need to know.