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Learning to Pray with Jesus through the Psalms



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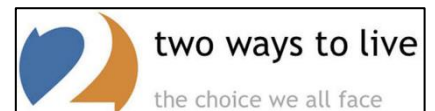
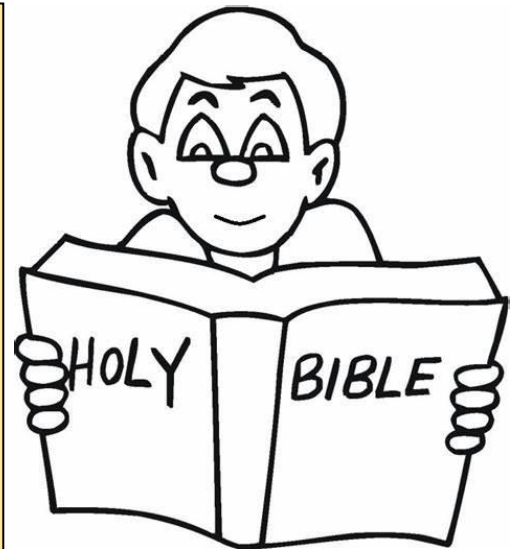
SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER PSALMS 1 & 2 "BLESSED IS THE ONE"



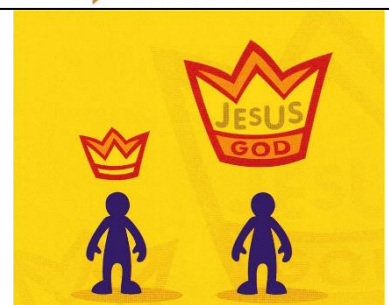
Psalm 1 & 2 are like "two grand pillars, one on each side of the entrance gate into the 5 books of psalms" (Christopher Ash)

PSALM 1 – Blessed is the One:

- What does the blessed one not do (v.1)?
- In contrast, how is this person blessed (v.2)?
- What is the picture given that describes being blessed (v.3)? Draw or write it here:



- What will happen to the wicked (v.4)?
- Where will the wicked not end up (v.5)?



PSALM 1 questions and prayer points for the week ahead:

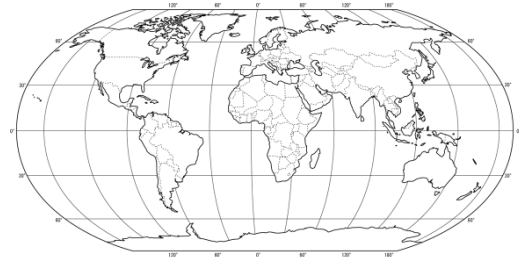
- ? How would you describe how someone moves from being 'wicked' to being 'righteous', and why is this a life of 'blessing'?
- ? How does knowing Jesus transform our view of the Bible (= 'law of the LORD')? How do you feel about Scripture?
- ? What marks of a righteous person are 'growing' like fruit in your life? What temptations or pressures do you find it difficult to resist?

Pray:

- Praise God that Jesus is the blessed One who brings God's blessing to the world
- Pray for yourself and our church to trust in Jesus for our righteousness, rather than trying to make ourselves righteous
- Pray for God's protection for us against the sin of the world which tries to trick us into believing that blessing is to be found through its values



Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain? (Psalm 2:1)



Psalm 2 – God's Son the King:

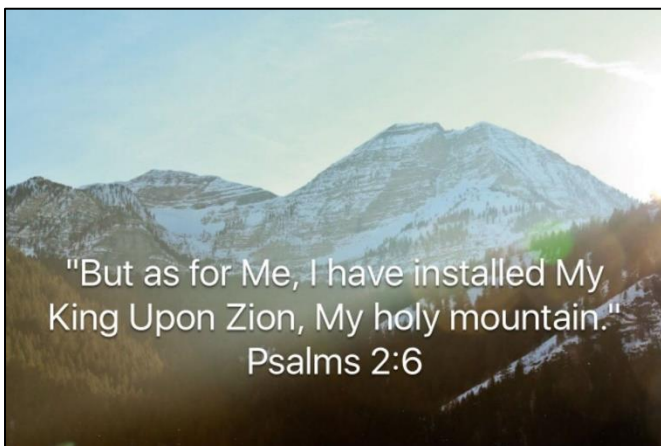
- What is the desire of the people of the world (v.1-3)?
- Why is their plotting in vain (v.4-6)?

PSALM 2 questions and prayer points for the week ahead:

- ? In what ways do you see the world wanting to break free from God? In what ways do you do this too?
- ? How should verses 4-9 give us confidence in God's power and Jesus' rule as His anointed king, even when the world seems chaotic?
- ? How will psalms 1 and 2 shape the way you read all the psalms going forward?

Pray:

- Thank God that He remains in charge of all things, and that Jesus is the true King of the World
- Pray that, as you trust Jesus, you would "Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling" (v.11)
- Pray for a world in rebellion against God, that there might be humility from world leaders and a submission to the LORD



"But as for Me, I have installed My
King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."
Psalms 2:6