

Christ's Christmas Gift
Psalm 2, Hosea 11:4, Luke 1:35
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Psalm 2 teaches that the nations want to throw off God's commands. The world calls them "chains." God sees His laws as loving protection for His people. "Because I love you, don't hurt yourself!" Hosea 11:4 states that God draws us with ties of love. He longs to see His people value human dignity, freedom and justice. These principles were the foundation of our nation, yet we have "thrown them off" in favor of our own selfish, wicked desires.

The psalmist speaks for God when he writes "I have set my King on Zion." God established a nation through whom God would become incarnate. God would fulfill His promise of bringing salvation and peace on the earth through the Prince of Peace. Christ was the promised Messiah who would come to give us life.

The psalm teaches of the expectation of God's Messiah, the preservation of God's plan that would produce the incarnation of God's Son. God promises He will give His Son the nations, but in order to receive them, Christ had to come and live as a man. He suffered and bore the sins of the world. At His resurrection, God accepted His sacrifice and promised He would one day take the world back and reign over it.

History is full of men who wanted to be God, but only God Himself wanted to become man to redeem a rebellious world.