

The background features a complex, dark, and highly detailed ornate pattern, possibly a woodcut or embossed design, with intricate floral and scrollwork motifs. The overall color palette is dark, with the text providing a sharp contrast.

Royal Psalms

— Psalms of the King —

Psalm 2:1-12

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, ³ “Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.” ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;

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the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me,

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and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

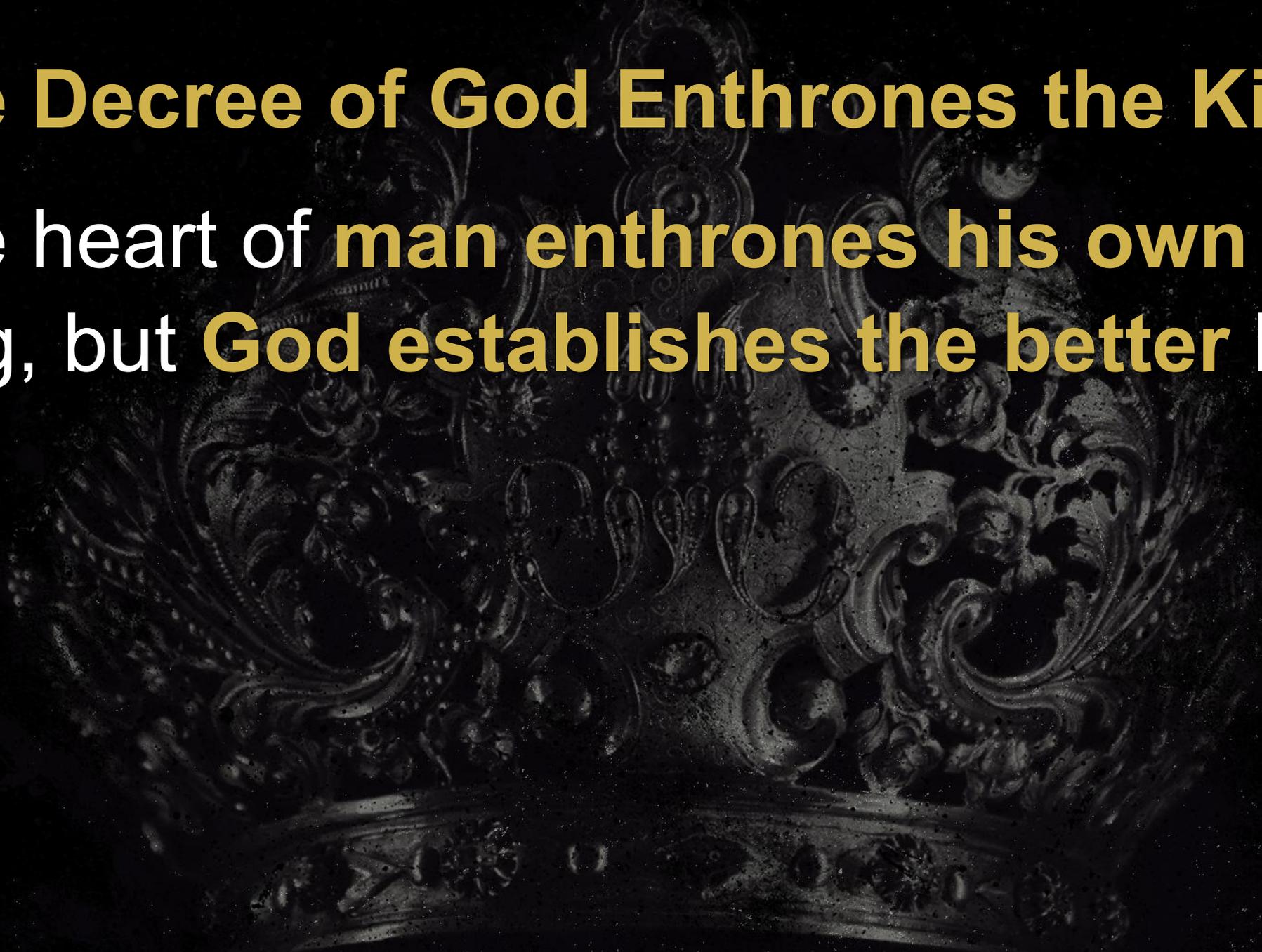
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's
vessel.” ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be
wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

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¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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The heart of man enthrones his own king, but God establishes the better king.



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3. Choose today to SERVE THE BETTER KING. (2:10-12)

So what..?

1. Be wise & warned. (v.10)
2. Be humble & serve. (v.11)
3. Honor the King. (v.12)

Quote: John Piper

“The only safe place from the wrath of God is in God. Everywhere outside of His care is dangerous. He is the only hiding place from His own wrath. If you see Him as frightening and try to run away and hide, you will not find a place to hide. There is none. Outside of God’s care there is only wrath.”

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But there is a refuge from the wrath of God, namely, God. The safest place from the wrath of God — the only safe place — is God. Come to God. Take refuge in God. Hide in the shadow of His wings. This is where we live and serve with joyful trembling. It is terrible and it is wonderful.

Quote: John Piper

It is like the eye of a hurricane — terror all around, and totally beautiful and calm. Here there is sweet fellowship. Here is quiet, loving communion. Here we speak to Him as to a friend. Here He ministers to our deepest needs. He wants you to come.”

Reflect. Repent. Respond.

1. Consider what the Psalm says about those who oppose the King whom God has set to rule. **#reflect**
2. You've chosen sides many times - have you ever chosen to call Jesus your Lord & King? **#repent**

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3. Pray a pray of thanks / allegiance / dependance for the refuge you have in Christ alone. **#respond**

Benediction

As we go, may we be aware that **the heart of man is drawn to crown his own king,** but thanks be to God that **He establishes the true & better king** in Christ our Lord.