

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Dictionary.com defines allegiance as: 1. The loyalty of a citizen to his or her government or of a subject to his or her sovereign. 2. Loyalty or devotion to some person, group, cause, or the like.

In the last few articles, Psalm 2 has shown us the rebellious attitudes of people toward the LORD and his Anointed (1-3), the futility of their rebelliousness (4-6), and the authority and promise given to the LORD's Anointed who is declared his Son (7-9). Based upon this knowledge, there should be only one response to the One to whom the LORD has given all authority - loyal obedience.

Psalm 2:10-12, Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 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. (ESV)

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..."

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas..."

"I (name) swear by Almighty God that on becoming a British citizen, I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second..."

In life, we promise loyalty based upon where we were born, the culture of which we are a part, and the ideas and concepts that we hold as core values. When we put our trust in the LORD and his Anointed Son, Jesus, we become citizens of a kingdom that is not of this world; we are adopted into a family that is not based on heredity or physical characteristics; and our core values are molded by God's word and our honor and respect belong to King Jesus more than any other group.

Take refuge in Jesus. Ultimately, it will not matter what country we lived in or what our family name was, but rather that we put our trust in God and submitted to Jesus and pledged our allegiance to the kingdom of heaven.

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