

PSALM 110:1-7

LESSON: A PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK —March 22, 2020

INTRODUCTION:

This Psalm is spoken in the Old Testament before the promise comes to pass; before the time of Christ. The Psalm is written by David under the inspiration of the Spirit revealing Christ as Lord, King, Priest, and Judge.

LESSON: I. A PRIEST FOREVER PSALM 110:1-4

110:1 The Lord said unto my Lord,— We know that David was King over the nation Israel, but he was not called to ascend into heaven... "*The LORD*" (God the Father) "*said unto my Lord*" (God the Son)... (Acts2:34). The Lord Jehovah or Yahweh, *the self-existent God who simply spoke and brought the universe into existence* said unto David's Lord who is Adonai (*Lord*), David's King, (*our Lord*), The Messiah. The Messiah was addressed with the divine title of "*Lord*." Christ is the perfect fulfillment of the Davidic covenant, and among His names are both "*Branch of David*" and "*Root of David*."

110:1b ...Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Messiah's home in the beginning was heaven. He had come all the way from heaven to earth on a mission, and now His mission is over, and God tells Jesus to "*sit at My right hand*." The first step in His exaltation was His Resurrection: the second step was His ascension into heaven. Only the Messiah could sit at the right hand of Jehovah God, and this could only happen after Jesus had died and had been resurrected by the Father. His work was complete; His task was accomplished; everything the Father required of Him was finished, and Jesus was now exalted and seated in the place of divine honor again. Now He's saying you have royal power, you have permanent honor, an intimate posture. Having completed His atoning work, Christ's dominion over His enemies, as commissioned by God, all His enemies will be put under His feet. The Son at God's right hand was occupying the seat of victory. What had occurred? Jesus humbled Himself, became obedient unto death, even to the point of His death on the cross (Phil.2:8) — That's His Perfect Performance! He has ascended into heaven, and now He is exalted upon the throne that will never end, and the Father is speaking promises to the Son. Sitting at the right hand brings about:

1. I make thine enemies thy footstool.

1 Cor.15:25-26 says "*For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*" Jesus has defeated sin and death on the cross, and in the final days, the manifestation of Satan and all evil will be defeated. All power in heaven and earth has been given to Jesus by the Father. God is the One who subdues these enemies, making them subject to the authority of the Davidic King. There is an appointed time that all enemies will be under Jesus' feet. A "*footstool*" is where you rest your feet when they are tired. Christ's enemies will serve as footstools under His feet, subdued and destroyed.

GJW 110:2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Jesus sits at His right hand. The original rod or scepter was given to Moses by God as a rod of power. However,

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this rod of Jesus is even more powerful than that. His authority as King has come!

2. The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion to rule.

He subdues and rules in the midst of them. He says the rod of Your strength will rule in the midst of Your enemies (an emblem of world dominion). The psalmist shows that out of Zion (the Lord's chief habitation; where He rules) He will send the rod of His strength; His mighty scepter to rule in the midst of Jesus' enemies; the enemies who would oppose Him. God has given Him authority and strength. The one who has the rod has the power and rulership.

110:3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

3. Thy people shall be willing (voluntarily come) **in the day of thy power.**

"*Thy people*" meaning the Messiah's people (Israel) will be willing vessels to serve the King of kings in the day of His power. We know that God is all powerful; Almighty, but there is a day of His power that will stand out and be seen by all to come! People will be "willing," not "compelled or forced" to submit. The Messiah can only rule over "*willing hearts*." The Lord is holy and in the beauty of holiness we worship Him; we are partakers; we are clothed and arrayed in the beauty of holiness. Holiness sets us apart and consecrates us for His use. God demonstrates in the day of His power His beauty of holiness from the womb of the morning, having the dew of His youth—a freshness and moistness in the Spirit like the early morning dew. "*For the kingdom of God is not in word (idle talk) but in power*" 1 Cor.4:20. And because of the power of the gospel and of His mighty hand, the servants of the Saviour will be willingly ruled by the Messiah.

4. Thou hast the dew of thy youth.

The people freely offer themselves in the beauty of holiness because they were refreshed and strengthened like the dew of the morning.

110:4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. We have seen the Messiah, Jesus Christ as Lord (David's Lord); as King exalted to sit on the throne with strength and power, but now He is exalted as Priest after the order of Melchizedek. **The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent.** It cannot be disputed. Numbers 23:19 says "*God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?*"

5. Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

We first learn of Melchizedek in Gen.14:17-20 when Abram had rescued his nephew Lot from King Chedorlaomer of Elam, who had taken Lot from Sodom. After the rescue, Melchizedek brought Abram bread and wine and pronounced a profound blessing upon him. Abram then in turn gave Melchizedek a tenth of all his earnings. The conclusion was that Melchizedek had blessed, he had received, and he had vanished. His name means "*king of righteousness*"; He served as priest/king of Salem and he mysteriously appeared on the scene in Abram's life and blessed him. Then Melchizedek was a priest and servant of God before there were any Jewish priests or religion; before Aaron had come into office. He was a King before there were any kings thought of. He had no father or mother. There was no date of birth, or mention of death. In the Old

Testament the office of priest was separate from king, but in the order of Melchizedek, he occupies both



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offices. ¹The King-priest, Jesus Christ has been here and left His blessing upon the believing seed, and now He sits in glory in His complete character, atoning for us by the merit of His blood, and exercising all power on our behalf; and still our High Priest. In this verse, Christ is the Eternal Priest, (*God has sworn and will not repent*) after the priestly Order of Melchizedek. It was different from the Levitical or the Aaronic Priesthood. The Melchizedek Order was eternal while the Aaronic Order was temporary. Melchizedek's office was exceptional; none preceded or succeeded him. This is the order or office of the Messiah. He is both King and High Priest!

II. A DAY OF WRATH PSALM 110:5-7

110:5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. This verse begins to explain what the Lord's power will do. Being in the right position...

1. He will strike through kings in the day of His wrath.

Previously, David's Adonai was told to sit at the right hand of Jehovah (verse 1). Now, Adonai, the Messiah is at Almighty God's right hand. He's in the right position because He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath. Even though He's at the right hand, the eternal Messiah is the eternal Priest; the eternal Priest is the eternal King; the eternal King is the eternal Judge; the eternal Judge is the eternal Lord! The Messiah's conquests are described, through His work which is God's work.

110:6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries. Being in the right position (at the right hand) continues to let us know what the Lord's power will do. It will cause Him to fulfill verse 1

2. He shall judge among the heathen,
3. He shall fill the places with the dead bodies;
4. He shall wound the heads over many countries.

110:7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore shall he lift up the head.

5. He shall drink of the brook.

As a conqueror, yet pursuing, He shall be refreshed by the brook in the way, and pursue to completion His divine and glorious triumphs. The attacks of Satan shall not cause the march of Christ to faint, nor fail. The lifting up of the head means that Christ will be exalted over the nations of the world and as the only head, he will rule in Righteousness, Holiness, and Judgment. So, let us not faint because the King must be exalted in our lives!

SUMMARY:

The Father refers to His Son as Lord. The Father assures the Son that His enemies will be humbled. It will extend from Jerusalem. People will serve God willingly. The Father vows to establish His Son's priesthood after the order of Melchizedek (**110:1-4**).

The Lord at His right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, He shall fill the valleys with the dead bodies; He shall wound the chief heads over many countries and He shall be refreshed from the springs along the way. Therefore, shall He lift up His head (**110:5-7**).

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¹<http://biblehub.com/commentaries/psalms/110-4.htm>

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