

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Psalm 110 (part 1)

AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MESSIAH'S REIGN

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"Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
² The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.
Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

³ Your people *shall be* volunteers
In the day of Your power;
In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,
You have the dew of Your youth.

⁴ The Lord has sworn
And will not relent,
"You *are* a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek."

⁵ The Lord *is* at Your right hand;
He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

⁶ He shall judge among the nations,
He shall fill *the places* with dead bodies,
He shall execute the heads of many countries.

⁷ He shall drink of the brook by the wayside;
Therefore He shall lift up the head.

INTRODUCTION

- Psalm 110:

- a) Is a Messianic psalm

- § Perhaps the greatest of them all

- § The most quoted psalm in the NT

- § 110:1 is the most quoted OT verse in the NT . . . 27 times

- b) Is an announcement of the current and coming reign of Messiah

- § The world needs is to know Him

- c) Contains all the key themes that dominate NT teaching

- § The POWERFUL REIGN of Christ

- We will experience this first-hand during the Millennium . . . the 1,000 reign of Christ

- § The SPIRITUAL REIGN of Christ

- There is a time coming where there will be more light!

- This current time is fitly described as being neither 'clear nor dark'

- Jesus is the source of Light and one day we will see it . . . in that day . . . He will reveal all spiritual truth to us

- § The PRIESTLY REIGN of Christ

- He is the Great High Priest . . . Hebrews 3:1 . . . **fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and great high priest**

§ The JUDICIAL REIGN of Christ

He will execute final judgment on the rulers, people and nations of this world

- d) Is one of only four others psalms (2, 22, 45 and 72) that exclusively deals with the sovereignty of Jesus Christ

§ IOW . . . there is no reference to anyone else . . . but Jesus

- e) Is one of the most debated

§ It speaks of Jesus as the son of David, and then of Jesus as David's Lord

§ It speaks of Jesus as from the Order of Melchizedek

PROBABLY THE GREATEST CONNECTION WITH THE NT IS WHEN IT WAS QUOTED BY JESUS

MATTHEW 22:41-45

- Near the end . . . the leaders constantly tried to trap Jesus with tricky questions

NKJV ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "*The Son of David.*" ⁴³ He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"'? ⁴⁵ If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

- IOW . . . how can he be David son if David calls him 'LORD'?
- This angered them . . . why? Because . . .
 - a) They never were willing to accept Jesus as GOD
 - b) For David to call him Lord that implies He was significantly greater than David . . . and the only person they knew greater than David . . . was GOD!

THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION IS SIMPLE

- Jesus is both . . . the son of David . . . and the Son of GOD . . . this is Paul's teaching

Romans 1:3-4

NLT ³ The Good News is about His Son. In His earthly life He was born into King David's family line, ⁴ and He was shown to be the Son of God when He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

- IOW . . . as to His human nature . . . son of David; but through the Spirit of Holiness He was declared with power to be the Son of GOD at His resurrection

THE POWERFUL REIGN OF CHRIST

110:1

¹ The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

- First 'LORD' is Jehovah (or Yahweh)
- Second 'LORD' is Adonai
- IOW . . . here is David's 'Lord' being addressed by GOD the Father
 - Clearly his LORD is . . . the LORD Jesus Christ
 - And the message from GOD to CHRIST

Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool

- IOW . . . the present position of Jesus Christ is at the right hand of GOD
 - What does it mean to sit there?
- In the ancient world it was to occupy a place of honor – at a dinner table
- But to sit at a king's right hand was more than an honor – *it was to share in his rule*

Scripture constantly reminds us of His authority

Philippians 2:9-11

^{NLT} ⁸ He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

AMAZING CONTRAST

- Between what the world thinks of Jesus . . . and what GOD tells us about Him

Scorned . . . despised . . . rejected . . . harassed . . . hated . . . unjustly arrested . . .
 tried . . . executed

Raised from the dead . . . *seated at the right hand of GOD*

- From there He rules over all things in Heaven and on earth

IMPORTANT ASPECT OF PSALM 110

§ His rule is GOD's doing

§ IWO . . . it isn't up to us whether Jesus is LORD

He is LORD . . . of all things

§ People can reject Him . . . resist His LORDSHIP . . . *and be made His footstool*

Or

§ They can submit to HIS LORDSHIP

ANOTHER IMPORTANT THOUGHT

§ Jesus is no longer:

§ A baby in a manger

§ Or dying on a Cross

He is at the highest position of honor at GOD's right hand

§ Stephen captured a glimpse of this . . . see Acts 7:55

NLT 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand

§ When John had a vision of Jesus it was as GOD . . . Revelation 1:17

NLT 17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if I were dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last.

§ He is LORD and MASTER

ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT TO CONSIDER IS THE FACT THAT HE IS SEATED

§ Sitting doesn't imply idleness . . . kings rule from the throne

§ When they are seated . . . they are in session

Jesus is ruling from the throne in order to extend His Kingdom
throughout the whole world

§ And He is doing this through the witness of His followers

HIS POWERFUL REIGN WILL BE FULLY EXPERIENCED DURING THE MILLENNIUM

Isaiah 14:5-7 The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, the sceptre of the rulers. ...
The whole Earth is at rest and quiet; they break forth into singing

Psalms 72:11 All kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him

Psalms 72:19 And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole Earth be
filled with His glory

THE SPIRITUAL REIGN OF CHRIST

110:2-3

²The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! ³Your people *shall be* volunteers in the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

§ This passage is hard

§ In the Millennium Jesus directs His people from Zion . . . Jerusalem

§ But in the Millennium there are no enemies!

§ This can only be spiritual in context . . . because Jesus does reign from Heaven
. . . the New Jerusalem . . . Zion

§ The key to understanding the SPIRITUAL REIGN of Christ . . . is to see two
things clearly

[A] HE RULES IN THE 'MIDST OF THE ENEMY'

§ As He directs His witness . . . He places them in enemy territory

§ Martin Luther commented that we live in the midst of Christ's enemies

§ The context of the verse . . . not a physical conflict . . . but a spiritual one!

§ We only have one offensive weapon

§ We are not even able to subdue the devil

§ We are to fight for Christ by suffering in faith and by the preaching of GOD's
Word

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

^{NLT} ³ We are human, but we don't wage war as humans do. ⁴ We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. ⁵ We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. ⁶ And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient.

§ How do we get into the battle . . . Participation

§ We don't coerce . . . we inform by the Word of GOD the truth about GOD

§ Prayer . . . we pray because we know GOD answers prayer

[B] YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE VOLUNTEERS

§ That is . . . they are willing

§ We don't have conscription

§ This army is composed entirely of volunteers

§ All of them were once hostile to GOD . . . but now willing by His Grace

WHY

§ Because they perceive Christ's sacrifice for them as the greatest act of love ever

FINAL THOUGHTS

§ If you find yourself lacking the will

§ Then you need a fresh vision of the exalted Lord JESUS CHRIST – seated at the right hand of the Father

§ We know that when Isaiah saw Jesus seated on the Throne he said

Isaiah 6:1-8

Here am I . . . Send me!

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Kings in ancient times rarely ruled during times of peace . . . because there wasn't any!

The kings responsibility was huge . . . he had to plan to defend his territory . . . establish and expand borders . . . prepare strategies for attack on the enemy

Here Jesus is a king who rules in the midst of enemies