

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Psalm 110 (part 2)

AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MESSIAH'S REIGN

A Psalm of David

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INTRODUCTION TO PSALM 110

. . . Messianic . . . 1 of 4 exclusively about Jesus . . . perhaps the greatest of them all

. . . Most quoted psalm in the NT

. . . Contains most quoted verse in the NT . . . 27 times

. . . Defines Messiah as both the son of David (man) and the Son of GOD (divine)

. . . Contains many of the key themes in NT teaching

[1] The POWER that Jesus has (110:1)

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

§ Our world is dominated by a hunger for power . . . *in our genes!*

§ We're fixated by Marvel heroes . . . key line in Matrix . . . 'He's the one!'

§ The super-villain always wants 'ultimate power'

§ We know it is fiction . . . but it is compelling

Jesus ALONE possesses all POWER

Revelation 4:11

¹¹ You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

[2] The SPIRITUAL KINGDOM that HE rules over (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

§ There is a spiritual battle going on . . . the god of this world (Satan) has blinded the minds of those who do not believe (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Ephesians 6:12

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

In this SPIRITUAL BATTLE . . .

- a) Jesus Christ directs His people . . . He rules
- b) His people are His witnesses . . . they shall be volunteers!
- c) He places us in enemy territory . . . He rules in the 'midst of the enemy'

§ Martin Luther: "We live in the midst of Christ's enemies"

§ We only have one offensive weapon . . . the Word of GOD

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

THE WORLD DESPERATELY NEEDS A SAVIOUR

WE STRUGGLE SOMETIMES TO FATHOM WHY GOD (FOR THE MOMENT) ALLOWS
THE GOD OF THIS WORLD (SATAN) LIMITED FREEDOM . . . BECAUSE ALL HE
DOES IS CAUSE MISCHIEF

REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST IS ALL POWERFUL . . . HE REIGNS SUPREME

THE GREAT PRIESTLY REIGN OF CHRIST (110:4)

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

Speaking 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

We accept Jesus as the Great High Priest . . . He performed the priestly role when He atoned for our sins

- Question: But WHY is He according to . . . the order of Melchizedek"?
- Before we explain remember . . . it is significant . . . so much so that . . .
 - a) The LORD had to swear it
 - b) The LORD is not willing to concede it (surrender)
- For that to happen it must be SIGNIFICANT

THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

- Melchizedek appears in three places in the Bible
 - a) Genesis 14 . . .
 - b) Psalm 110 . . . 1,000 years later
 - c) Hebrews 5, 6, 7, 8 . . . 1,000 years later
- Of Melchizedek . . . Hebrews 7:4 . . . ⁴Now consider how great this man was

Genesis 14 . . . Melchizedek, King of Salem

- The first time we read about Melchizedek is in Genesis 14:18-20
- Lot and his family are captured . . . 14:12
- Abraham comes to the rescue . . . 14:13-17
- On his way back from the battle, Abraham is met by Melchizedek

Genesis 14:18-20

NKJV ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High. ¹⁹ And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰ And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

- We have no idea who Melchizedek is
 - Some say . . . Shem – one of Noah's three sons
 - Some say . . . an angel
 - Some say . . . Jesus (pre-incarnate appearance)
- He was not Jesus . . . a Gentile . . . but WHOEVER he is . . . he is important
- He is important only . . . as a TYPE of CHRIST

Where do we see this in Genesis 14?

1. HE IS A TYPE by NAME . . . Melchizedek means "King of Righteousness"

That became a significant title for the Lord Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 1:30

NIV ³⁰ It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption

Messiah is . . . the King of Righteousness

2. HE IS A TYPE in TITLE . . . King of Salem . . . Salem means 'Peace'

King of Peace . . . that became a significant title for the Lord Jesus Christ

Isaiah 9:6 **The Prince of Peace** ; 2 Thessalonians 3:16 **Lord of Peace**

3. HE IS A TYPE by the combination of both High Priest and King

To the Jews this wasn't right

Priests were never kings . . . no king could be a priest in Judaism

Uzziah (King of Judah) tried to take up the priest's role by burning incense . . .

GOD judged him with leprosy . . . he lost the throne . . . 2 Chronicles 26:16-23

2 Chronicles 26:18

¹⁸ They confronted King Uzziah and said, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Leave the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful; and you will not be honoured by the Lord God."

Saul attempted to take up the priest's role 1 Samuel 13:8-9 . . . burnt offering

There is good reason GOD separated these two roles . . . You have power over the throne + power over the church = recipe for disaster

That is the Catholic Church and the Church of England!

But this does not apply to Jesus Christ – *He is both King and High Priest*

Jesus is qualified to be both . . . like Melchizedek

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- We see and hear that Messiah will be both . . . King and High Priest . . . again according to the order of Melchizedek

Hebrews passages that help us understand what GOD means

Hebrews 5:5-11

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but *it was* He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." ⁶ As *He* also says in another *place*: "You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"; ⁷ who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, ⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," ¹¹ of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

Hebrews 6:16-20

¹⁶ For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation *is* for them an end of all dispute. ¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath, ¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it *is* impossible for God to lie, we might^[a] have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us*. ¹⁹ This *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the *Presence* behind the veil, ²⁰ where the forerunner has entered for us, *even* Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

1. THE LORD JESUS IS IN THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK ONLY IN THE SENSE THAT HE IS NOT A DESCENDANT OF AARON

NOTHING AGAINST THE PRIESTHOOD OF AARON . . . BUT THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS IS SUPERIOR IN THAT:

(a) It established a better covenant

When GOD made the first covenant it was established on the principle that the people would remain faithful to GOD and He would protect and bless them

Sinai covenant . . . it was good . . . but the people were not able to live up to it

The new covenant brought by Jesus does what the old couldn't . . . it changes hearts!

Hebrews 7:11-19

¹¹ Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need *was there* that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? ¹² For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. ¹³ For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. ¹⁴ For *it is* evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. ¹⁵ And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest ¹⁶ who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. ¹⁷ For He testifies: "You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." ¹⁸ For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, ¹⁹ for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, *there is the* bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

The old sacrifice was a copy . . . Jesus made the true sacrifice for sin

The old was good in that it pointed the people to GOD's forgiveness . . . but it did not actually 'remove sin' as Christ's sacrifice did . . . Hebrews 9:9-10

Jesus actually made atonement for sin . . . He did it by actually dying in our place . . . Hebrews 9:12-14

(b) It established a sacrificial system that did not need to be repeated

It was a 'once for all' sacrifice . . . Hebrews 10:11-14

¹¹ And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

2. THE LORD JESUS IS IN THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK ONLY IN THE SENSE THAT HE HAS NO BEGINNING AND END

Hebrews 7:1-3

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," ³ without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually

THE APPLICATION

- Sometimes . . . our "Law Enforcement" . . . is nothing more than
- A bunch of ceremonies and traditions
- Sometimes we have these presumptuous notions that we are it

THE MESSAGE FOR US . . . LOOSEN UP ON ANYTHING THAT MIGHT CAUSE US TO TAKE ON A 'PHARISAICAL' RELIGIOUS OUTLOOK . . . AND INSTEAD LOOK ONLY TO CHRIST!

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- Righteousness and Peace are significant . . . by becoming our righteousness and by His death on the Cross Jesus made peace between us and GOD
- Have you trusted Jesus as GOD's appointed priest
- He made atonement for us all
- We had nothing to look forward to but condemnation
- The oath GOD made . . . has become an anchor for the soul . . . Hebrews 6:19

Next Lesson: The JUDICIAL REIGN of Christ