

Psalm 110 A Priestly King

I grew up here in So. Cal. where things are really casual & laid back – So when I saw a Priest I never understood what the point was in outfits

A) Black with white collars - looked very uncomfortable/

B) And those robes - what was that all about - guys wearing dresses/ WEIRD

C) Then this idea of confession: The last thing I wanted was to tell some stranger - secret sins!

D) And This was all long before all the Scandal that has come out regarding Priest in the Catholic church

I knew that a Priest had threatened to revoke his membership in his church - Dad quit going to one catholic church - and started going to another

A) Because the 2nd Catholic church had a mass time that fit better into his schedule.

B) Now the Priest of the Previous church my dad had gone to called him and told him if he didn't keep tithing to his parish

1) That turned my dad off to God and the church for a number of years

C) So the idea of Priest had a negative connotation in my mind - like it does for many people today.

In 1973 - I became a Christian - shortly there - after started attending C.C. Costa Mesa

A) I was so excited when I walked into the church and saw Pastor Chuck sitting on the stage wearing Hawaiian shirt!

B) Young people sitting down on floor - my kind of place/ Casual free flowing style / very Real – very un religious

1) God's Word was taught/ the music was great

C) This is where I want to be- (bring friends) Let others have that Priest stuff – If Jesus was around in 1973 – he would be hanging out at CCCM.

Everything was great until several years later reading through book of Hebrews - verses / talking about Jesus as my High Priest

A) Remember thinking - "I don't want a High Priest".

B) A Savior great/ Shepherd sure /- friend awesome / Lord - definitely / but Priest - no way!

1) That is religious I don't want to be religious!

C) Plus I Couldn't picture my Jesus in one of those black outfits - or wearing one of those fancy robes or with one of those hats like pope!

D) The Jesus in my mind Jesus wore blue jeans; sandals & Hang ten t-shirt

Today we are going to consider the High Priestly ministry of Jesus

A) Maybe right away that brings up a negative connotation in your mind as well

B) It shouldn't - the Ministry of the High Priest was entrenched in the culture of Judaism

C) The office of the HP was always meant to point to Jesus - the Superior HP who was to come

D) There is a powerful truth mentioned in Psalm 110 about the High priestly ministry of Jesus - unpack today.

Today is our final study in our Summer in the Psalms Vol 2 series

A) Psalm 110 is the most quoted Psalm in the New Testament, and verse 1 the most quoted verse.

B) Psalm 110:1 is quoted directly or alluded to indirectly at least twenty-seven times,

C) Why would Psalm 110 have been so important to the early church and to the NT writers?

1) Messianic Psalm

D) A Psalm that points to Jesus as the Messiah!!

1) Used in that way in the NT - examples

Psalm 110 is quoted in Matthew 22:41–46 to confound.

A) The religious leaders in Israel denied that Jesus was the Messiah - always against them - so one day Jesus asked them a pointed question.

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?" 46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

B)They were confounded by the question - they were at a loss for words

C)We see this passage used again in Acts 2 - as a part of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost -

1)In that instance it is used to bring conviction

32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

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

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:32-37

D)They were convicted of their sin of rejecting Jesus the messiah - that day 3,000 were saved.

Then we find it quoted in Hebrews 1:13 to Confirm.

A)The author of Hebrews was making the point that Christ is far superior to the angels, and to clinch the argument he falls back on Psalm 110.

"To which of the angels said He at any time, Sit on My right hand, until I make Thine enemies your footstool?" Hebrews 1:13

B)This Psalm is a Messianic Psalm that points to Jesus as the Messiah and King of Israel

C)Today as we unpack this Psalm - 4 things

- **The Prominence of the King V.1**
- **The Power of the King in V.2/ 5-7**
- **The People of the King V.3**
- **The Priesthood of the King V.4**

D)That last point will take us into our time of communion today.

The Prominence of the King V.1

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

A)This is such a fascinating passage because in it - DAVID sees a conversation between God the father and God the son -

B)Notice: The LORD = Jehovah- which is one of the primary names for God the father in the OT

C)The LORD said to my Lord - The word (Lord) is Adonai and refers to God the Son.

D)The LORD Jehovah - God the Father says to the Lord -Adonai - God the son sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool

The Right hand is the place of honor and Prominence

A)It was more than mere honor; for it meant to share in ONE'S rule.

B)It signified participation in the royal dignity and power.

C)Paul the apostle spoke of this place of prominence that Jesus has in Philippians 2:9-11 - Speaking of Jesus exaltation after his Rez.

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father - Philippians 2:9-11

Paul sees Jesus exalted - highest place right hand.

A)When Jesus was alive on planet earth - he was despised and rejected.

B)He was harassed and hated by many.

1)Eventually he was unjustly arrested, tried, and cruelly executed.

C)But God the father reversed all that, for God raised him from the dead,
1)received him into heaven, and then said, **“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”**

Today Jesus is at God’s right hand, ruling over all things in heaven and on earth.

A)That is not the common view that people have of Jesus

B)Christmas time they remember him as the Baby born in Bethlehem - **forgetting that He was Majesty in a Manager**

C)Others picture him as the Crucified Savior - looked to him for salvation

1)But not to be their King

D)The manager and the Cross - though equally important are past pictures

1)Jesus present picture is on the throne at the right hand of the Father - ruling

E)One day he is going to come again and set up a Kingdom that will have no end !!!!!

#2 The Power of the King! V.2

2 The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.

Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

A)The word rod used here is “scepter”

B)The Kings royal scepter that spoke of his Power and strength

C)In Revelation 2:27 we read that at this 2nd coming - **Jesus will overcome the nations - he will rule with a rod of iron - Picture of unbending strength**

Right now we are living in the age of grace - Undeserved favor -

A)Jesus is waiting patiently to impose his will on a world that rejects him

B)We see the wickedness around us - and wonder - Lord what are you waiting for? How much longer

C)Peter answered that question: 2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

D)Right now The Lord is being patient - waiting -

E)But there is a day coming when the age of grace will be over -

1)The Lord will pour out **his wrath** on a world that has rejected him.

V.5-7 Also speak of his Power being manifested at his coming and his wrath being poured out
5The 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/ **WOW - HEAVY!!!**

There is a Ominous scene in the book of Revelation 6 during the Tribulation where we read this 15-17

¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the **wrath of the Lamb!**” ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

The wrath of the lamb has come! - The Kings Power and might will be in full force. - Unless shortened...

A)Many people struggle with this picture

B)Maybe you are sitting here today or watching online -

1)Thinking - I thought God was loving

C)I don’t know if I can believe in a God who would react that way - toward people he created.

Here is what you need to understand. God has been patiently putting up with people’s rebellion for 1,000’s of years.

A)Our world is full of violence and immorality and injustice and oppression

B)Because man has refused to follow God - And God has sent messengers to get man’s attention

1) IGNORED

C) He sent his own son - to bring salvation - most have rejected -

1) God is not going to force his will on anyone - not LOVE

D) So he has sat by and patiently waited for 1,000's of years. Men to turn to him

Who does that? Not the man made gods of Greek mythology

A) We don't even do that right? We live in the age of Cancel - culture - don't agree - canceled

B) Sign of the times - Prophecy update 9/21

C) So don't fault God for having a time limit on his grace and mercy -

D) God's judgment is more like a surgeon - in order to save the life - remove the cancer -

1) that is what he is going to do

Guys we all know people who right now don't know - Jesus and that is their fate - -

A) Scary - hearts should break for the lost

B) We need to be praying for them and constantly looking for opportunities to share Jesus with them

The Prominence of the King

The Power of the King

#3 The People of the King

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./refreshing

This is a beautiful picture of the nature of King Jesus

A) To those who choose to follow him - He rules not by force but by love -

B) His people serve him out of love in RESPONSE TO his incredible love for us. **Volunteers**

1) His people are not serving begrudgingly - willingly

C) You guys get this: One thing I love about this church/ very large number of people who serve here

D) Because we use planning center for everything we are able to track our numbers pretty well.

1) So we are a church with approx. 1000 adults who call CV their home church

E) Last 18 months 436 people signed up to serve 44%

That is amazing % - most churches run in the 20% range - those who attend serve

A) Allows us to do more than we should for a church our size - Relatively small staff team

B) Commend you for your hearts - I never meet people who are serving begrudgingly -

1) Oh I've got to teach children's ministry - I get TO!!!

C) Paul frequently called himself a bondservant - willing servant

1) Responding out of love for our King!!!

D) Jesus said: Our relationship - I don't call you servants I call you friends

1) **HIS YOKE IS EASY - BURDEN IS LIGHT**

#4 The Priesthood of the King!

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

Melchizedek is one of the most Significant and mysterious Characters in all of the OT scriptures.

A) At the Very least a picture of Christ - Possible Christophony

B) Introduced to him in Gen 14 Abe was blessed by him & paid tithes to him. After a great victory

C) He was on the scene before the Priestly ministry was even introduced in the book of Exodus / Moses

There in Genesis 14 Melchizedek is called the Priest of the Most High God.

A) So he is this mysterious priestly figure before Israel was even a nation or had an official priesthood

B)But the thing that is really interesting is that is also called there in Genesis 14 The King of Salem

1)Salem would later be referred to as Jerusalem

C)And in Hebrews 7 He is called the King of Righteousness

D)This is the uniqueness of his Priesthood - A priest but also a King

1)no one in Jewish history EVER held both offices

E)And when Abraham met him - impressed by him - something special about him

1)paid tithes and Melchizedek blessed him!

We are told here in Psalm 110 as well as Hebrews 5 and 7 Jesus is a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek

A)Aaron the older brother of Moses was the first High Priest in Israel - and all the priest came from his tribe Levi

B)The Priesthood of Israel was marked by frailty -the priest served for a fixed period 20 yrs MAX

C)you could become a priest at 30 - retire at 50

1)Limited time frame

The Aaronic priesthood was, in fact, marked by failure.

A)It had hardly been instituted when God had publicly executed Nadab and Abihu,

B)two of Aaron's, for offering strange fire on the altar. Drunk into the Tabernacle

C)The Priesthood of Israel has been marked by repeated failure ever since

1)Flawed men

And The Priesthood of Israel was marked by frustration - constant sacrifices for the people

A)Every year - Day of Atonement - HP - offer sacrifice for himself his sins - the rope

B)But Jesus is a Priest after the order of Melch -

C)Uniqueness - He is not just a Priest but he is also a King!

1)Only Melchizedek and Jesus have that unique calling

The Superiority of the Priesthood of Jesus

A)1st He is a Priest forever - His priestly ministry is ongoing -

B)A Priest stood as the mediator between God and man - Represent the people before God

1)Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us - Always praying for you/ talking to the father about YOU

C)The Priest being a man and knowing the struggles of men - could sympathize

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-15

The Priest also represents God to the people.

A)Jesus said - seen me seen the father - know me - know the father

B)As a Priest Jesus connects us to the father

2ND As a Priest He offered a superior Sacrifice / final sacrifice - Once for all - Wide reach

A)ONCE AND FOR ALL - No need for another sacrifice.

B)The Sacrifice of the HP on the day of atonement was a covering until the following year

C)Jesus' Sacrifice brought at-one-ment

1)One with God!!!!

3RD He is a Kingly Priest

A)As a King He supplies us w/ all the resources of the kingdom - everything we need to follow him

B)Everything we need has been made available to us in Christ

Ephesians 1:3 ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

C)As a King He supplies us with what we need to live the Christian life.

On June 12, 1979, a young man made aviation history when he flew a pedal-powered plane across the English Channel.

Taking off from England, he flew for three hours, rarely more than 15 feet above the water. Finally, after covering 22 miles, he landed exhausted on the coast of France.

Now As dramatic as this was, man-powered flight could never be practical. Because A man simply cannot maintain the necessary energy output for extended flights. **FLINSTONES**

B)In the same way, **no one can live the Christian life pedaling** on his or her own power.

1)**Not by Might** Zech. 4:6

2)Christ our King thru His Spirit -supplies us w/ the **resources needed** to make it to the other side

Today as we partake of communion

A)We remember Jesus work as our High Priest

B)Sacrifice - Body broken - Blood shed

C)Final sacrifice - not saved again - Confess and receive forgiveness

But let's also acknowledge - He is our King

A)As a King he wants to reign in our hearts

B)As our King he deserves our worship

C)Is Jesus your King - bowed to Him

D)Today - right now