

Psalm 110

Psalm 110 is one of the most-quoted psalms in the New testament. It is quoted 27 times; including by Jesus. It is classified as a Royal Psalm and a Messianic Psalm; meaning that it is a description of Jesus during the 1,000 year millennial reign. Jesus is a priest, prophet and king. God the father is compared to the owner of all things; who has put his only son in charge. Jesus could have easily followed Satan's advice, and become king of the whole world long ago. Instead, he is waiting for his father's timing to bring it to pass.

We think of the most-capable people as doers. Jesus is all powerful; and yet he is sitting while his father is attending to his interests. This is how prayer works. We can rest once we have handed it to God for processing.

We can learn by the trust level that Jesus has for his father. Jesus never expressed his own opinion, or used his power to protect himself. He only quoted his father and acted as his father made all of his moves for him. Jesus even let the Holy Spirit bring him back to life. We can start each day in prayerful submission, or we can venture out in our own creativity and strength.

Read Psalm 110:1-2: The English bible uses the same word *lord* capitalized differently to mean different things. The word *LORD* in the bible is used for Yaweh/Jehovah God. This is normally ascribed to God the father. The word *Lord* means master; and can be a human or God application.

Verse 1 is interpreted as saying: God the father said to Jesus to sit at his right hand (the place of honor) until dad makes his enemies subject to the son.

Verse 2 tells us that God the Father will send a ruler with full command and authority. His rod or scepter of strength is like a tribal commander's seal of authority. It looked like a sturdy walking stick with a family crest on the top knob. The seat of power (throne) is Mount Zion (Jerusalem). Here is where the son will rule in the middle of his enemies.

Jesus pointed out that he was a great grandson of David, as a fulfillment of the messianic prophecy. An ancestor (David) would not normally call his great grandson (Jesus) Lord. That does not otherwise happen in Jewish culture. Jesus discussed his roots from David; while somehow also being his great grandfather's master. Jesus came after David; even though he has always been in existence. The point is that the messiah would be God

himself; not a mere leader of men. Mary subjected her expressed desires to Jesus' authority as he grew up. David had the strange position of worshiping his unborn great grandson.

“What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool” ’? If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son? (Matthew 22:42-45)

Jesus has many comparisons to certain men (Joseph, Jonah, the kinsman redeemer, etc.). Being part of David's family has to do with Jesus being a promised messiah-king over Israel.

God refers to Jesus in this psalm not as the lamb of God; who takes away the sins of the world. This psalm is about God's Field Commander receiving his official commission. Jesus has been the General over the angels and demons and all men; but in a covert role. Psalm 2 describes when Jesus visibly steps into his millennial throne, to formally receive these credentials. Jesus will have some opposition; but they will be crushed.

The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.” He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: “Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.” “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.’ ” Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges 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, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. (Psalm 2:2-12)

God the father, God the son and the Holy Spirit are all one; and yet there is a functional interaction and role playing between them. How does power get shared between God the Father and Jesus the Son? Jesus subordinates his actions and his words to what his Father tells him and does. Jesus does not give us his separate opinion. He only quotes his

father, and mimics his fathers actions. The father gives eternal life to those who are saved; but Jesus is the judge.

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him. (John 5:18-23)

Everything that Jesus did is to honor his father; not himself. Jesus did not deliver himself; but he let the Holy Spirit resurrect him. Jesus depends on the Father to recognize his loyalty. Jesus has put his life into his father's hands; even though he is fully God himself. In turn, the Father trusts Jesus to represent who God is to the world. God gave Jesus the job of creating the world; and gathering all of his father's sheep. Once the sheep have been cared for; then that job is done.

During the millennium the role of Jesus will be more like a lion than a lamb. We see Jesus as a slaughtered lamb; but he is also pure power and light and force and wisdom from long ago. Jesus had different glory before creation. We saw him allow men to have their way with him. Now he shows the world that he is unstoppable.

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. (John 17:1-5)

Read Psalm 110:3-4: The Law of Moses was not really a voluntary system. It was a *do or die system*, designed for unbelievers. It served to save humanity from self-destruction. The life in the Spirit is far better. It is a willingness to please God and help people. The

Law of Moses is like an inflexible conduct regulation. The Spirit life is more about our intent and being a privileged family member. We honestly do not have the ability to live on that *pure and always loving* level without the transforming presence of God's Holy Spirit. All of the believers who return (in the spirit) from heaven to the millennium will be in absolute agreement with Jesus. Likewise, all of the believing tribulation saints who survive will also be God's cheerleaders. In other words, the final gathering of believers will no longer be a disjointed motley crew. We will all totally be on the same page.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (Jeremiah 31:33)

This millennial reign psalm is where the dream of all believers comes true, visibly. A perfect kingdom requires more than a castle and a good king. We had all of that before; and that was not enough to satisfy our sinful desires. The world began with a beautiful and safe garden, with God. Man was persuaded to trade away the paradise for a chance to make other arrangements. Those imagined changes brought disaster and the failures from manmade systems. Now we finally get back to the garden, walking with God. All of the craziness in the world will be put to rest. Jesus will be the king of the world, in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem will have a breathtaking temple, castle and city. Everything will be perfect. The geography and climate and legal system and public protection and national health all come into a place of compliance, rest and abundance. The difference is that we will share God's heart and mind and his outlook. We will stop acting like independent contractors who opt in and opt out of opportunities.

The term '*womb of the morning*' refers to each day being pregnant with forthcoming blessings. God pre-loads our days with unseen blessings. Jerusalem will be breathtaking and awesome. We may only think of the benefits of no crime, and like-minded citizens united in purpose and praise. In reality, righteousness also affects nature and the environment too. Remember that the earth and our daily experiences were put under *a curse* when we rejected the occupancy terms of the Garden of Eden.

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of

your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:17-19)

During the Millennium, the land surrounding Jerusalem will be transformed into an elevated plain. It will run from Geba in the north to Rimmon in the South (Zech. 14:10). Right now, Jerusalem is just a hilltop. King Jesus will be ruling from the raised summit (Zech. 14:9-10). Jerusalem’s mountain will be established as the highest of the mountains. The mountain’s great height emphasizes Jerusalem as the center of world authority for all of the nations will flow to it (Is. 2:2; Mic. 4:1). Jerusalem will be on a uniform fifty square mile plateau (Ezek. 45:1; 48:8).

Unless Everest and other towering mountains are among those that will be reduced to rubble, Jerusalem’s mountain will be so high that one would assume that the conditions near the summit would be rather harsh. However, not only is there land there set aside for farming (Ezek. 48:18-19), the prophet also speaks of a majestic tree in Ezekiel 17:22-24:

Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

No trees including the cedar grow atop the highest mountains on Earth. This will change when God transplants a piece of a cedar from its mother tree and places it on the height of Jerusalem’s millennial mountain (vv. 22; 23). The Hebrew for Cedar here is, “*erez*.” This describes any kind of coniferous or pine tree. Cedars are not known for their ability to produce fruit. This will change in the Millennium as at least one cedar will yield such produce. This enormous cedar is just one of the reasons that the conifer atop the Jerusalem’s mountain will be referred to as, “noble.” In addition, the cedar’s nobility comes from its significance in height and canopy. Both will provide enough room and shade to house every kind of bird .

Jesus is not just in control over all things, he is uniquely able to be the one who brings us to salvation. He is all powerful, all perfect; and yet he made a portal to save us and build us up.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

What does it mean to say that Jesus is a priest in the Melchizedek order? Abraham met the mysterious early king and priest of Jerusalem, named Melchizedek. We do not know about his ancestry or his descendants. He just stepped into the story. He was a one of a kind priest. He was so highly regarded, that even Abraham tithed to him. Later on, the Levite priests came along many generations after Abraham. The Levites regarded Abraham's status to be above themselves. Abraham is the father figure of all Hebrews. This Melchizedek, the priest and king of Jerusalem is the highest-ranked priest in the bible. In the same way, Jesus is a one-of-a-kind priest. He is the highest priest and the highest king.

He is Lord of lords and King of kings; (Revelation 17:14)

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. 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." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"; 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, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. (Hebrews 5:1-11)

Jesus waited until his father's plan came to pass in the fullness of time. He sits perfectly as the head of all believers. Every fiber of our being will resonate and approve and be awestruck as we see Jesus more clearly for who he is.

Read Psalm 110: 5-7: Part of having a perfect world includes the removal of spoilers and trouble makers. Jesus destroys the bullies and tyrants and abusers of men right off the bat. There will not be a need for armies, prisons, police, door locks or property security walls. Not every person who survives the tribulation will be saved; but they will at least act like it. There will not be a specialized economy, where people work for companies. It will be more like an Amish self-subsistence lifestyle. It will be more wholesome than an old Disney movie. Those who are less enthusiastic will not receive any rain in their regions.

And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain. If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 14:16-20)

There are bible verses that also add that King David will play a role in the millennial kingdom as a prince over God's people. David was known as an enforcer and protector. Here we could have a reference to him having a successful sheriff's posse; hunting down and killing criminals. The last verse is like a picture of a bounty hunter taking a break by a stream to refresh himself as he continues to hunt down those who are opposed to god.

"David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. The nations also will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore." ' ' (Ezekiel 37:24-28)