

What God Says to His Son and You

Psalm 110 ▪ Sunday, October 6, 2024 ▪ Brad Manley

An oracle of _____.

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¹The LORD says to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

²The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!

³Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;
from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

⁴The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶He will execute judgment among the nations,
filling them with corpses;
he will shatter chiefs
over the wide earth.

⁷He will drink from the brook by the way;
therefore he will lift up his head. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: What images come to mind when you think of Jesus reigning as King?

Read & Discuss: Psalm 110

1. This Psalm begins by recording the **LORD** speaking to David's **Lord** (v. 1). Why are these two words written differently? (Consider consulting study notes for help.) How would you re-write this verse using names instead of pronouns?
2. What words or phrases within this psalm give us indications that it is a messianic psalm? (*Note repeated references to verse 1 in the New Testament: Acts 2:34-35; 1 Cor. 15:25; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3; 1 Pet. 3:22.*) What words or phrases allude to Jesus' kingly nature? What are all these references meant to tell us about Jesus?
3. The New Testament frequently quotes or alludes to the expression "Sit at my right hand." According to the following passages, what are some significant implications of this concept for understanding the nature and ministry of Jesus: **Acts 2:34; Heb. 1:3; Acts 5:30-31; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 10:11-12?**
4. **Read Matthew 22:41-46.** What point is Jesus making to the Pharisees from Psalm 110? How would you put Jesus' argument in your own words? How should this encourage our relationship with Jesus?
5. What promises does God make in verses 1-2? Do these promises seem fulfilled to you? Why or why not? How should statements such as these shape our concerns for present and future events?
6. A second statement made by the LORD to David's Lord is found in verse 4. How is the permanence of this declaration emphasized in these words? **Read Hebrews 7:11-28, where Psalm 110:4 is quoted twice.** According to Hebrews 7, what is the significance of Jesus being designated a high priest after the order of Melchizedek?
7. Verses 5-7 speak of the day of the Lord's wrath. What stands out to you from these verses? **Read Romans 2:5; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; and Revelation 6:15-17.** How are all these verses meant to shape our view of God? How might this truth motivate our efforts at evangelism? Would you refer to this fact when sharing the Gospel with someone? Why or why not?

Apply: How are we meant to respond to what we learn about Jesus in this psalm? What practical difference will that make in your life this week?

Pray: Ask God to build our hope and confidence in Christ as King, fueling our eagerness to proclaim to others that the Messiah *has* come and *will* come again.