

Psalm 110 - The Ascension of the King Priest

Intro – We have spent the past few weeks rehearsing some events during Jesus’ ministry. Noted the animosity at His Deity, Anointed by 3, Entry, cleansing Temple, Death, Burial & glorious Resurrection. John 21:25 – many details are left out. One large detail that is often overlooked is Jesus’ ascension. After 40 days of many convincing proofs He was caught up into the clouds to sit at Father’s right hand. The Ascension is recorded for a reason....another reason for us to admire, worship and trust in Christ.

(Pre-recorded in OT) Psalm 110 is a mountain peak in the OT. Like Isaiah 53/Ps. 22 is to our Lord’s death, Ps 110 is to His ascension/session/position as the King Priest. Psalm 110 is probably the most referenced OT passage by the NT. It is quoted, or alluded to, 30+ times in the NT. It is (pre)recorded for a reason...

Ps. 110 records Jesus’: Kingly Ascension, Relaxed Reign, His reign over Rebels, the Remnant granted repentance and renewed strength. We have: God’s promise to the Eternal Priest, His assured success, His judgment of the nations, Armageddon, and His bodily presence here on earth as He drinks from the brook by the wayside. Jesus drank with His disciples before He left and He will drink with us when He returns. There is an eternity of truth in Ps. 110 (we have 40 min) Buckle up for the blessing of Ps. 110

1. The Ascension is much more than just Jesus being taken up/going up to the clouds....heaven
 - a. That must have been an amazing sight for the disciples (Acts 1-angels instructing them)
 - b. It is more than that. Jesus was ascending to His Throne as King! John 6:62
 - c. Jesus descended from heaven and was going to ascent to heaven John 3:13-14
 - i. He humbled Himself to come down – lifted up on cross – lifted higher to throne!
 - ii. The Ascension is the official coronation of the King Phil. 2:8-11
2. Ps. 110:1a “The LORD says to my Lord:”
 - a. David, by the Spirit, gives us peak into the private conversation within the Godhead
 - i. We get to eavesdrop into an eternal talk between FATHER and SON
 - ii. God is talking to God. YHWH says to my Adonai
 - iii. God the Spirit reveals/inspires this conversation in the heart of David so he can record it Matt. 22:42-45 (the Trinity and inspiration in one passage- wow)
 - b. There are other parts of scripture that reveal some inner-Trinitarian conversation
 - i. The “Plan of Salvation” Father, Son and Spirit planning & promising each other
3. Ps. 110:1b “Sit at My right hand”
 - a. About 20 different times the NT mentions Jesus at the right hand of God
 - b. When Jesus mentioned it in Matt. 26:63-66 to the leaders they knew the implication
 - i. The right hand was the place of highest authority
 - ii. In His ascension Jesus has taken His rightful place as KING at right hand of Power
 - c. Jesus Christ will not just reign in the future – HE IS REIGNING NOW! 1 Cor. 15:25
 - i. Jesus Christ is LORD we proclaim a KING the Gospel of GOD
 1. repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand and the KING is coming
 2. A wimpy “jesus” is the wrong JESUS believe in the ruling JESUS!

4. "SIT at My right hand"

- a. Jesus' reign as King is not a tenuous or temporary position. (firmly/eternally ensconced)
- b. A Relaxed Reign - Jesus is seated resting and relaxed
 - i. "there is no wrinkle on the brow of Eternity"
- c. All rulers, leaders, monarchs of this earth work hard to keep a temporary power
 - i. They pace, plan, worry, fret and scheme to keep the reins of power
- d. But...The KING of kings just calmly sits. The LORD of lords laughs at rebels – Ps. 2:1-6
- e. Oh, dear believer and citizen of the kingdom – FEAR NOT for your KING reigns!
 - i. Our times, our world, our situation ,everything in His Hand & subject to His rule

5. Psalm 110:1c "until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet"

- a. God the Father promised His Son that He would rule over and subdue His enemies
- b. 1 Cor. 15:25-26 (even death is subject to His rule and one day will be abolished)
- c. Eph. 1:20-23 The church is triumphant because her Christ is triumphant
 - i. The gates of hell cannot prevail because all enemies are under His feet

6. Psalm 110:2a "...strong scepter..."

- a. The Good Shepherd has a rod and staff. As KING it becomes a scepter of power
- b. Like Moses' shepherd staff that was used to bring a super power (Egypt) to it's knees
- c. Jesus' Shepherd staff and Kingly scepter will subdue all nations, principalities & powers
- d. No power on earth can stop the gospel
 - i. Proclaim it to friend, enemy , neighbor, the world - sinners will repent & believe
- e. And no power on earth can prohibit the coming kingdom and final judgment

7. Psalm 110:2b "rule in the midst of your enemies"

- a. Most will refuse and rebel against the KING. Enemies are promised but it makes no difference - every knee will bow - Is. 45:22-23
- b. Luke 19:11-12, 14-15a, 27 (tormented in the presence of the Lamb – Rev. 14:10)
- c. Jesus rules over rebels, in spite of rebels and in the midst of rebels. Rom. 3:3 (Ps. 2)
- d. Ruling in the presence of enemies is also promised to His people - Psalm 23:4-5
 - i. Ps. 49:14 Rev. 3:9
- e. Christ as King is settled. It is promised by the FATHER
 - i. Jesus rules....wont you repent and submit to the Savior of sinners?

8. Psalm 110:3a "Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power..."

- a. Jesus does reign over rebels but a remnant will be granted repentance and willingly follow the Lamb where ever He goes. Acts 5:31
- b. Are you willing to repent?
- c. Are you willing to follow?
- d. If you are then it is because of His power (praise and give God the glory - Acts 11:18)
- e. May He powerfully and graciously work in lives today
- f. Today is the day of salvation The King has come
- g. The King has lived. The King has died. The King was buried.
- h. The King rose on the 3rd day The King has ascended to His throne
- i. The King is reigning now with all under His feet. Repent for the Kingdom