

Psalm 110 – The Messiah

The Old Testament is like a great palace, which you visit at night-time. It is full of rich treasure – but it is not always easy to see it clearly. When the New Testament comes, the sun rises and everything is visible. We can see the throne and the king himself – the Lord Jesus Christ! Who is Jesus? This Psalm gives us an answer. There are three great lessons about Jesus we will learn.

1. The king shall rule

Jesus reigns at God's right hand. This Psalm is about Jesus. We can learn this in verses like Acts 2:23-34, 7:55, Matthew 22:42-45. He rose and ascended, and God told him to sit there on his throne. This proves that Jesus is God – because who else can sit on God's throne? God says that he will not share his glory with another (Isaiah 48:11); so, we see that Jesus is also God. He is reigning there until every enemy is defeated. He has all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). Many empires in history have come and gone. Jesus lived during the times of the Roman Empire, which later persecuted Christians very badly – but now it is gone. He will rule over all his enemies. The throne is not empty. Neither man nor Satan is reigning; Jesus is reigning. All is working out for good (Romans 8:28).

2. True worshippers shall be saved

Verse 3 tells us about those who follow Jesus. They come willingly to serve in his army and to fight in the good fight. Do you serve Jesus willingly? God's people adore the Lord Jesus Christ in his strength and spiritual beauty. He is their great priest (verse 4). Melchizedek was a great priest and king who gave blessings to Abraham (Genesis 14) – even to the father of Israel. Jesus is like this. He rules his enemies and saves his people. He is a king to fight and protect; and a priest to bring forgiveness and atonement, forever. The gospel divides people: some are Jesus' enemies and must be destroyed; some are his own sheep who will be saved.

3. Rebels shall be destroyed

This Psalm teaches us about the holy anger of Jesus. It is awesome. Verses 5-7 give us a picture of his unending determination to judge his enemies. What will you do on the day of Jesus' wrath if you are not saved? These verses teaches that his victories shall never end. He is like a warrior who pauses to drink from the brook, in between battles. He will not rest until he has finished the work. This is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the all-powerful warrior King. Is he your enemy to death, or your friend and Saviour?