

Priest - continued

Verse 5

“The Lord at thy right hand will strike through kings ” – Jesus has the power to strike through the kings of the earth (Revelation 17:12-14; 19:11-21).

“In the day of his wrath” – Jesus is capable of both love and wrath (Psalm 2:5,12; Revelation 6:15-17).

Verse 6

“He will judge among the nations” – Jesus will judge through his word (Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3), through his apostles (Matthew 19:28), and through his control over nations.

“He will fill the places with dead bodies” – Jesus will punish with death those who transgress (Isaiah 66:24).

“He will strike through the head in many countries” – Jesus will ruler over the rulers and will be king over the kings (Isaiah 9:4-5).

Verse 7

“He will drink of the brook in the way: Therefore will he lift up the head” – Jesus suffered, but was lifted up to glory (1 Peter 1:11). - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- What you take with you at death is your character, nothing else.
- Christianity is both a battle and a blessing.
- To lift someone up you must first be on higher ground.
- Adversity offers one of the best educations in life.
- God is great; God is good.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

A Priest After the Order of Melchizedek

Moses records the blessing of Melchizedek upon Abraham in Genesis 14:17-20. Melchizedek was a king and a great man. This man became a type of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Jesus is a high priest “after the order of Melchizedek”, meaning after his likeness. Melchizedek was both a king and a priest. This is unusual and Jesus was the same — king and priest. Melchizedek was also without genealogy which is like Jesus being eternal.

Jesus referred to David’s psalm — Psalm 110 in Matthew 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; and Luke 20:41-44. This is the psalm where David prophesied that the Lord would be “a priest after the order of Melchizedek” (verse 4). Peter as well referred to David’s psalm when he preached on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:34-35).

The author of Hebrews also referred to David’s psalm and Melchizedek. He did this to make four points about Jesus:

First, to show Jesus has an appointed priesthood (Hebrews 5:5-10). Second, to show Jesus has an endless priesthood (Hebrews 6:19 – 7:10). Third, to show Jesus has a new (law) priesthood (Hebrews 7:11-19). Fourth,

to show Jesus has a sure (with an oath) priesthood (Hebrews 7:20-25).

Let’s examine now the great Psalm 110 and see what we can learn about Jesus.

Verse 1

“*Jehovah saith unto my Lord*” – God the Father (Jehovah) spoke to Jesus (my Lord).

“*Sit thou at my right hand...*” – Jesus sits today at a position of authority and power over all mankind (Matthew 26:64; Acts 5:31; 7:55; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; 8:1; 12:2; 1 Peter 3:22).

“*Until I make thine enemies thy footstool*” – All opposed to Jesus are his enemies and they will be ruled over by Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:25-26; Hebrews 1:13; 2:8; 10:12-13).

Verse 2

“*Jehovah will send forth the rod of thy strength out of Zion*” – God the Father will cause Jesus to rule with strength beginning in Jerusalem (Revelation 2:27; 12:5; 19:15).

“*Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies*” – Jesus rules over all who are opposed to him and enemies (Psalm 2:9; Daniel 7:13-

14; Luke 1:32-33; Revelation 11:15).

Verse 3

“*Thy people offer themselves willing*” – The faithful who serve Jesus do so willingly (Judges 5:2,9; 1 Chronicles 29:5,6,9,14,17; Ezra 1:6; 2:68; 3:5; 7:16; Nehemiah 11:2; 2 Corinthians 8:5; Philippians 2:13; 1 Peter 5:2).

“*In the day of thy power, in holy array*” – The faithful who serve Jesus do so with holiness (1 Chronicles 16:29; Psalm 29:2; 96:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:7; Titus 2:14).

“*Out of the womb of the morning Thou hast the dew of thy youth*” – Jesus will shower his faithful people with blessings (Micah 5:7).

Verse 4

“*Jehovah hath sworn, and will not repent*” – God does not change like man does (Numbers 23:19; Malachi 3:6).

“*Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek*” – Jesus is a King (v. 2), a Priest (v. 4), and a Judge (v. 6), and his priesthood is forever (Zechariah 6:12-13; Revelation 1:6).

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