

Psalm 110: The Enthroned Messiah at God's Right Hand

Entitled "A Psalm of David"; David is occupied with his Lord, now seated upon the throne of heaven.

Ps 110 is the most quoted OT passage in the NT (14x).

All NT quotations confirm the Messianic character; David was speaking about the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

v1-3: Christ as King

v1 - a private enthronement; *the day of His patience*, in anticipation of *the day of His vindication*, when His enemies will be made His footstool.

v2-3 - a public manifestation; *the day of His rule* (v2) and *the day of His power* (v3).

v4: Christ as Priest, in *the day of His intercession*, Priest after the order of Melchisedec.

v5-7: Christ as Judge, in *the day of His wrath* (v5), leading up to *the day of His satisfaction* (v7).

v1: A conversation within the Godhead, the words of the LORD Jehovah to the Son of God. An invitation given to the risen & ascended Lord Jesus, showing the Father's appreciation of His Son & satisfaction of His service accomplished on earth.

Contrast with Ps 109v31, "For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor (needy)", i.e. what our Saviour is for us every day in all our need

Matt 22v41-46:

The Pharisees are exposed; they could not refute the essential deity & true Manhood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The "right hand" of God is uniquely the place of absolute *deity*.

The Lord Jesus is the true heavenly Benjamin, son of the right hand (Genesis 35).

2x "David in spirit call Him Lord (*Adon*)", a divine title, the singular sovereign Lord & Master. We bow to our Lord's dominion, we recognise the absolute Lordship of Christ.

Acts 2v32-36:

Peter is addressing those in Jerusalem on the occasion of the Day of Pentecost.

God has given the Lord Jesus a place of supreme exaltation; v33 "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted", and after quoting Ps 110v1, v36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ".

The "right hand" is the place of absolute *superiority, supremacy & exaltation*.

Ephraim got the blessing of the right hand (Gen 48), his tribe would have supremacy over Manasseh.

The glorious Son of God, as a risen Man, occupies the place of absolute supremacy & exaltation in heaven, in all His solitary pre-eminence, supreme in His unrivalled majesty.

Eph 4v10, "ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things", He occupies the highest place in heaven, He fills the universe with His glory & His worth.

Hebrews 1v13-14:

The Hebrew epistle gives a 5-fold view of Christ at the right hand of God:

Ch1v3: the **glorious Son** at God's right hand; He is the **believer's satisfaction**.

Ch1v13 (Ps 110v1): the **mighty Saviour** at God's right hand; He is the **believer's salvation**.

Ch8v1: the **sovereign Priest** at God's right hand; He is the **believer's support**.

Ch10v12-13 (Ps 110v1): the **accepted Sacrifice** at God's right hand; the **believer's security**.

Ch12v2: the **faithful Man** at God's right hand; He is the **believer's secret**.

v13: By divine invitation, Christ occupies a place far above every angelic being (Eph 1v20-21), seated at God's right hand, until the day of His triumphant coming again to this world in power & glory.

The "**right hand**" is the place of absolute *power & authority & victory* (see Ex 15v6,12).

The Lord Jesus will return on the right hand of power, to triumph over all that would stand against Him (Matt 26v64, Rev 19v15), His enemies will be made His footstool.

Meantime, He waits patiently; this is the day of the "**patience of Jesus Christ**" (Rev 1v9).

The "**right hand**" is the *strong divine hand of salvation* (see Ps 17v7, Ps 20v6).

v14: Angelic beings are serving ones, ministering to those "**who shall be heirs of salvation**", (see Matt 24v31).

But Christ is the divine Saviour who has accomplished God's salvation; He is the **believer's salvation**, He Himself will come to personally effect our salvation (ch2v10).

The "**right hand**" is the place of *eternal blessing & joy* (see Matt 25v33-34, Ps 16v11).

Hebrews 10v11-13:

In view of the perfection & eternal acceptability of His sacrifice at Calvary, Christ is seated forever, to perpetuity, at the right hand of God.

v11: Many had returned to the temple sacrifices, "**which can never take away sins**".

They had they not rightly appreciated the work of Christ & His sacrifice at Calvary.

v12: His sacrifice will never have to be repeated, He "**offered one sacrifice for sins**".

He "**put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself**" (Heb 9v26).

In virtue of His finished & accepted work, He has "**for ever sat down**", sat down to perpetuity, in the place that declares unmistakably His acceptance.

The "**right hand**" of God is the place of absolute *acceptance*.

Christ's sacrifice has satisfied all the claims of divine justice, God's holy throne is forever satisfied concerning sin, our salvation is eternally secure, Christ is the **believer's security**.

The "**right hand**" of God expresses *divine righteousness* (see Ps 48v10, Isaiah 41v10).

v13: He waits at God's right hand with expectation and anticipation, expectantly waiting the day of His rule, His power and His public vindication.

Heb 10v29 speaks of those "**who have trodden under foot the Son of God**", i.e. apostates, unbelievers and agnostics, all who despise & reject His sacrifice.

But He will be recompensed (v30), they will become His footstool, they will be trodden under His feet. Our Lord is anticipating this day of His vindication.

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