

Psalm 110: "The Mighty King"
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A Psalm of David.

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.

We must submit to our Mighty King, rest in our Great High Priest, and hope in our Victorious Savior.

1. WE MUST SUBMIT TO OUR MIGHTY KING (vv. 1-3, 5, 6; Matt. 22:41-46; Phil. 2:9-11)

“‘from the womb of the morning’ is a picturesque figure drawn from morning dew that comes with the early morning as a child comes from a mother’s womb. The picture illustrates His people’s earliness, eagerness, or fresh zeal (fresh like dew) to join in the Messiah’s success. They can give their whole hearts to see “Thy kingdom come” realized.” ~ James E. Rosscup

“If this psalm were about a mere earthly king, it would never speak of ruling “in the midst of” enemies. That is not how earthly kings rule. They make boundaries; defend and extend their frontiers; and confront, fight, and overpower enemies. Here is a king who rules in the midst of his enemies. This can only mean that his is a spiritual rule that infiltrates the hostile powers of this world in a nearly invisible fashion. Moreover, it is a rule that he exerts indirectly, as it were, not by coming in power himself (though he will also do that in judgment at the end of time) but through his people, the church.” ~ James M. Boice

How must we submit ourselves to King Jesus?

- A. Take up your cross (v. 1a; Luke 9:23, 24)
- B. Know his decree (v. 1b, 2; Heb. 3:13; John 8:31)
- C. Rely on his strength (v. 2; Eph. 6:10-12, 18-20; Rom. 8:7, 13, 37; John 15:5; 2 Cor. 10:3, 4)
 - i. We must abide in Jesus by abiding in the Word of God and obey it by the grace and strength that he provides.
 - ii. If we walk by the Spirit, we will abide in the Word of God and pray in the Spirit to receive strength for the battle.
- D. Engage in the battle (v. 2, 3)

How do we engage in the battle?

- i. Expose sin (Eph. 5:11; Heb. 3:13; James 3:16; 1 John 1:9)
 - a. Are you regularly exposing sin in your own heart?
 - b. Are you regularly exposing sin in the lives of others?
- ii. Proclaim the gospel (Rom. 10:14-17)
- iii. Make disciples (Matt. 28:18-20)
 - a. Centered on the Word of God
 - b. Perpetual and Exponential Growth
- iv. Fight with urgency (vv. 5, 6; Ps. 2:8-12; Is. 2:4; Matt. 24:41; Zech. 14:3, 12-15; Rev. 19:11-16; Eph. 5:16)

2. WE MUST REST IN OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST (v. 4; Heb. 4:14-16; 10:10-14; 2 Cor. 5:21)

- A. Melchizedek: “King of Righteousness and Peace” and “Priest of the Most High God”
- B. The Great King-Priest became the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

3. WE MUST HOPE IN OUR VICTORIOUS SAVIOR (v. 7; Rev. 21:3-5)

- A. The final battle has not been fought, but the final battle has already been won, and we are on the glorious side of victory.