

Coronation of The Messiah  
Psalm 110  
SM 5/21//2023 – Tim Carpenter

Concept: Divinity of Messiah

Intro: Last Week – Luke 20:41-44 Forrest presented the truth that Jesus quoted Psalm 110 to challenge the misconception held by the Jewish leaders and people of His day of Who the Messiah was and what that meant to their relationship with Him.

Forrest pointed out the importance of harmonizing Scripture to grasp the full truths God has for us.

Today, I hope this Psalm, quoted in the text last week, will help us dive into the splendid depths of the Psalms this summer.

Psalms are “inspired songs and poems that depict the heart of the Lord & His saints in each season of life.”

While this is true of our Psalm today, this Psalm surpasses that definition, as we will discover shortly.

Ancient Rabbinic writings believed it was the Messiah to come.

Since Christ’s time, the Jews to this day think it is about:

Either Abraham (not from Scripture but contorted study methods of the 12<sup>th</sup> century Commentaries),

Or David (But David himself is clearly pointing to another),

But, as prior to the life, death, & resurrection of Jesus, many Jews still believe it is about the ‘yet to come Messiah’

The Jews believe it is to be fulfilled. Christians believe that this describes Jesus and is to be completed by Him.

This Psalm is the most quoted and referenced Psalm in the NT (24-30xs) and perhaps the most used OT passage in the NT.

And when we are done studying it today, I hope that we will all see that...

Message: Jesus is the King, the Priest, and the Healer for all of us.

PRAYER

Our process at Exit Church is to bring the Word to you by looking at what it says, then what it means for all people at all times, and then what we should do about it.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

To help bring the clarity of the Hebrew I will use YHWH for the English LORD, and Adonai for the English Lord.

First, we will look at the purpose of this Psalm

Then we will look at the 2 parts identified by the position of The Adonai at the right hand and the pronoun usage.

We will see that part 1 is about who The Adonai is while Part 2 is what The Adonai will do.

✚ V 1a The Title & Purpose of this Psalm is the revelation that no man could ever conceive or imagine

A. The first word in Hebrew text is ne’um (divine utterance) of YHWH to my Lord

1. ne’um is used 360 times in the OT as direct declarations of YHWH in the law (16x) or the others thru prophets.
2. 3 of those 360 times are in the Wisdom Books in Psalm 36:2; Prov 30:1-6, and in our Psalm today.

B. The use of ne’um here shows that this Psalm is a very special revelation from YHWH to David.

1. This is not a Psalm wrought from David’s life experiences and emotions.
2. This vision of the Messiah, as Peter stated, puzzled David, & others like him, about the ‘who & when of it’.
3. Yet, it is very personal to David; he owns this relationship with the Lord whom he loves, trusts, and serves.

C. Jesus correctly exegeted Ps 110 it as a revelation of Who He is & what He will do. Grammar & meanings matter!

D. Jesus is the only rabbi who understood correctly the perplexity of David calling his descendent, his master.

Part 1 – note that the Adonai is at the right hand of YHWH & the 2<sup>nd</sup> person pronouns are used

This Part 1 has three sections, each identified by what YHWH reveals about The Adonai

✚ V 1b YHWH reveals the position of The Adonai

A. 1b Sit at My right hand

1. This is the command by YHWH to David’s Adonai / master
2. This is quoted or implied in several NT books:

- a. Matthew Mark Luke Acts Rom Ephesians Colossians Hebrews & 1 Peter
  - b. Hebrews could be considered a commentary on Psalm 110 and I will use it as such in a bit.
  - c. Jesus taught that the kingdom of God had come into their midst with Him and more was yet to come. 50x in Mt
3. The Messiah is to sit in the position of power until the time to rise up and “do” comes.

B. 1c Until I make your enemies your footstool –

1. This is quoted or implied: Luke 20:43; Acts 2:35; 1 Cor 15:25; Eph 1:22; Heb 1:13; 10:13; Rev 19:15
2. In ancient Mediterranean cultures, a victorious king was depicted as seated on a throne with their enemies as their foot stool or feet on their neck
3. James 4:5 says that “a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God”. Jesus infers that clash in John 15
4. But The greatest of Jesus’ enemies are sin and death... 1 Corinthians 15:22-26<sup>i</sup>; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57<sup>ii</sup>

This position at the right hand of YHWH is not a figurehead position; it is infused with power...

✠ V 2 YHWH gives David's Adonai ruling power.

- A. YHWH sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter
  - 1. The scepter is a symbol of power and authority.
  - 2. Jesus is right now at the right hand of the Father, interceding on our behalf! Romans 8:34 (don't read it)
  - 3. YHWH gives the Adonai the command to "Rule in the midst of your enemies!" Read Eph 1:16-23 from Bible
- B. V 3a Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power – better translated "a freewill offering"
  - 1. Even while the Law was the covenant with God, He said that they, we could not live out the law. We would fail.
    - a. But even in Deut 30:6 He promises to circumcise our stubborn hearts;
    - b. in the prophets, He promised to remove our heart of stone & give us His Spirit to have a heart of flesh. Ez 36:22ff
    - c. We are told in Romans 2:28-29 & in Col 2:11-15 that Christ has done that! Listen to what it says in Colossians<sup>iii</sup>
  - 2. This power is promised by Jesus to us who trust in Him as recorded in Acts 1:-6-8; 2:1-4
  - 3. Romans 12:1-2 says we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice as our spiritual worship to prove God's will is good...
- C. 3b We serve Him as a freewill offering dressed in holy garments
  - 1. Not cotton or polyester, but in holy majesty – as the word is translated in Ps 111:3
  - 2. As you offer yourself freely to the Adonai, you are clothed in His holy majesty! Gal 3:27 baptized into Christ clothed w/ Him
  - 3. We can serve Him & His kingdom freely with power over sin, over problems, over stubborn people, over Satan, & even over death BECAUSE WE ARE IN CHRIST!
- D. Just what is that power? V 3c From the womb of the morning the dew of your youth will be yours -
  - 1. This is the most poetic statement in this Psalm – LET ME EXPLAIN IT FROM A FARMER'S, OR GOLFERS, VIEW...
  - 2. The resurrection is like the dew of the morning – Is 26:19<sup>v</sup>
  - 3. Death has no dominion over the Adonai! Romans 6:9<sup>v</sup>,
  - 4. And He has that resurrection dew power for all eternity!
    - a. When He comes for us, He won't be a 2,030-year-old crotchety man...
    - b. Better than Peter Pan, He has the endless power and vigor of His Resurrected Ascended YOUTH!
    - c. Phil 3 says that His resurrection is available to us!

So far what we learn, my friends, is that this Adonai is – The King

✠ V 4 YHWH makes an irrevocable promise –

- A. Only a few times has the Bible recorded that God "swore an oath" – to bind oneself by an oath
  - 1. To Abraham Genesis 22:16-18; 26:3
  - 2. To David 2 Samuel 7:11-12; Psalm 132:11
  - 3. To Israel Isaiah 62:8
- B. And will not change His mind
  - 1. This "not change" is the Hebrew meaning "not regret", "will not repent",
  - 2. When it is used of God as in Gen 6:6-7; Ex 32:14; 1 Sam 15:11 – it is in regard to judgment upon humans or a man
  - 3. But for eternal matters, 1 Samuel 15:29 "God is not man that He should lie and change His purpose..."
  - 4. Hebrews 6:13-20 discusses this but I will read that shortly.
- C. You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek (My King is Righteous) –
  - 1. The Jews of Jesus day had a fuzzy idea that this referred to the Messiah without clear understanding ... John 12:34
  - 2. The Authoritative Commentary Heb 6:13-20; 7:1-10; 7:11-28; 8:1-3; (law) 9:11-15; (forgiveness) 9:24-28  
Now considering what Hebrews says, we see that the Adonai is – The saving, sanctifying Priest  
Now with V 5 restates that Adonai is at the right hand of YHWH so we are now looking at part 2

Plus we have a change in pronouns – from you to He...

✠ VS 5-7 The Adonai is at Your right hand - This is what Adonai will do...

- A. V 5b He will shatter kings on the day of his wrath
  - 1. The word for shatter actually means to annihilate... Like Jael did to Sisera with the tent stake.
  - 2. Psalm 2:7-12<sup>vi</sup>
  - 3. Revelation 6:15-17 sums up the "shattering of the kings of the earth".<sup>vii</sup>
- B. V6a He will execute judgment among the nations filling them with corpses/bodies
  - 1. OT Is 66:24; Joel 3 & the NT the great day of wrath is detailed in Rev 16:17-19:21... you can read that on your own
  - 2. At first this sounds like ethnic cleansing, but let's remember that the wages of sin is... death...
  - 3. All these who are "slaughtered" were in open defiance and rebellion against THE Righteous Adonai.

- C. V 6b He will shatter chiefs over the wide earth Rev 20:7-10<sup>viii</sup>
- D. V 7a He will drink from the brook by the way (post victory rest & refreshment); Rev 22:1-3<sup>ix</sup>
- E. V 7b therefore he will lift up his head (exalted above all others) Rev 22:4-5<sup>x</sup>

It is clear that the Adonai is – the just Judge and in a sense the Ultimate Healer for the nations.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN –

† I find 4 major truths from our passage this morning, and we touched these a bit as we examined what it says.

A. My Lord...

- 1. This Triune God is not a universal power or burst of solar energy,
- 2. He is the great I AM who is, who loves, who is holy, who is all-powerful, all knowing, all present, all caring.
- 3. He relates to each of you as if you were the only one He had, but includes you in His family to love all of us.

B. King

- 1. He is THE King of kings, the only Sovereign of the Universe.
- 2. He is unchangeable in His love and His justice.
- 3. He rules with purpose, authority, and grace as He allows us to “choose” for ourselves to be for Him or against Him.
- 4. He will conclude the history of this world and will execute His perfect justice lovingly & rightly.

C. The Priest: Savior & Sanctifier

- 1. He is the Savior who paid for the forgiveness of each person’s totality of sins with His own life on the cross in Salem.
- 2. He is the Sanctifier who makes us holy by His holy presence in us and continues His purifying work till He is done.

D. The Ultimate Healer...

- 1. The proud & arrogant are a source of cancer upon God’s creation...
  - a. That means my arrogance
  - b. as well as a night show host
  - c. Or big time politician in the USA or in China or Russia.
- 2. And like all cancer treatment, their removal is painful... but it brings healing...
- 3. Death is the termination of all bodily pain, disease, and trauma.
  - a. And The Adonai, The Lord Jesus Christ, will toss death into the Lake of Fire, so that all illness will cease.
  - b. For those whose names are found in His book, there is eternal health and joyful life in His presence
  - c. For those whose names are not found in His book, there is eternal torment and sorrow in the Lake of Fire.

HOW SHALL WE RESPOND / WHAT SHALL WE DO?

† Here are 4 steps we should seek the Lord Jesus to empower us to live out.

A. My Lord... is He yours?

- 1. The Adonai relates to 2 groups of people in this passage
- 2. Those who will serve Him freely and those who will be judged.
- 3. Joshua 24:15 – “if it is evil in your eyes to serve YHWH, choose this day whom you will serve... But as for me...”

B. A freewill offering

- 1. V 3 freewill serving – worshipping, loving, doing
- 2. Romans 12:1-2<sup>xi</sup>
- 3. As His character and will are displayed to others, we will prove that His will is good and acceptable.

C. Offer ourselves freely in holy majesty: God’s presence in this world

- 1. We need Christ’s life and power to do as He commanded us in Matthew 28:18-20<sup>xii</sup>...
- 2. We are His presence to those who hurt, struggle, and search for the answer to life.
- 3. We are His ambassadors! Not only neighbors & co-workers but also all ethnic groups.

D. Offer yourselves freely in humble attitude

- 1. Philippians 2:5-11<sup>xiii</sup>– He did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied Himself by taking on...
- 2. If Jesus had this attitude of obedience and “others first” we should too.
- 3. This “others first” attitude will win more people to Christ than a stack of “good books” or a great video.

Conclusion: Will you surrender to Jesus The King, The Priest, and The Healer today?

PRAY

<sup>i</sup> **1 Corinthians 15:22–26**, “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” (ESV)

<sup>ii</sup> **1 Corinthians 15:54–57**, “When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (ESV)

<sup>iii</sup> **We are told in Romans 2:28-29 & in Col 2:11-15 that Christ has done that!**

**Colossians 2:11–15**, “In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.” (ESV)

<sup>iv</sup> **The resurrection is like the dew of the morning**

**Isaiah 26:19**, “Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.” (ESV)

<sup>v</sup> **Death has no dominion over the Adonai!**

Romans 6:9, “We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.” (ESV)

<sup>vi</sup> **Psalm 2:7–12**, “I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.” Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.” (ESV)

**AND**

<sup>vii</sup> **Revelation 6:15-17 sums up the “shattering of the kings of the earth”**

**Revelation 6:15–17**, “Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”” (ESV)

**B. But that’s not all... V6a He will execute judgment among the nations filling them with corpses/bodies**

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<sup>viii</sup> **V 6b He will shatter chiefs over the wide earth Rev 20:7-10**

**Revelation 20:7–10**, “And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” (ESV)

<sup>ix</sup> **V 7a He will drink from the brook by the way (post victory rest & refreshment**

**Revelation 22:1–3**, “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.” (ESV)

<sup>x</sup> **V 7b therefore he will lift up his head (exalted above all others) Rev 22:4-5**

**Revelation 22:4–5**, “They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.” (ESV)

<sup>xi</sup> **Romans 12:1–2**, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (ESV)

<sup>xii</sup> **Matthew 28:18–20**, “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, as you go, **MAKE** disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching** them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”” (ESV)

<sup>xiii</sup> **Philippians 2:5–11**, “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (ESV)