

THE CONQUERING CHRIST

Psa 110

This Psalm is a wonderfully prophetic psalm. It's actually alluded to 14 times in the NT, and directly quoted five times: Matthew 22, where Jesus openly declares his Divine position to the Pharisees; Acts 2 and 7; Hebrews three times.

Do not become too focused on the details and miss the deliverance!

Heb 2

You have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him,

He left nothing that is not put under him. *But now we do not yet see all things put under him.*

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Really must grasp the two “sees” here! We do not see with our natural eyes, but we DO see with our spiritual eyes!

We can become confused by what our “natural eyes” see around us, and miss what our “spiritual eyes” can see!

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened! *Having eyes, they do not see...*

DO NOT let the trees block your View of the forest!

God became flesh—ushered in an eternal Kingdom—to renovate the universe! That doesn't sound like defeat to me!

We do not see the Majesty of God's design because we're caught up in the mediocrity of our own designs. (Craig Lounsbrough)

That's what we want to talk about today as we head toward easter: God's Eternal design!

He has a plan and a purpose and no one will stop his plan or shortcut His purpose.

JESUS IS THE ROD OUT OF ZION

The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.

The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.

If God was **not** going to do this, then why is it quoted by Jesus and apostles? Why is it alluded to 14x in the NT?

Psa 50

The Mighty One, God the Lord, From the rising of the sun to its going down. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, Our God shall come, and He shall not keep silent;

And a TEMPEST will surround Him. God will shine forth. A fire shall devour before Him,

Psa 44

We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, The deeds You did in their days, (What did He do?)
In days of old: YOU drove out the nations with Your hand, BUT US..You planted
You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out. But it was Your right hand, YOU favored US.

JESUS RULES IN THE MIDST OF HIS ENEMIES

Enemies are irrelevant to our Father! Psa 23...

Did you think there would be a world with no enemies?

Did you think that the Believers walk is just lounging in a swimming pool with a magazine in one hand and a Snapple tea in the other?

We were made for Dominion in the midst of warfare!

We were created to rule in the midst of our enemies!

We were made for conflict and conquest!

Jesus, this Rod of God's Judgment did not come to his friends; he did not lounge with his lovers

He boldly strode into the middle of his enemies camp and declared that the Earth is God's possession!

He tore the world out of Satan's grip to release God's creation.

JESUS RULES WITH HIS VOLUNTEERS

Your people shall be Volunteers in the day of your power, in the beauty of Holiness from the womb of the morning

You have the Dew of Youth in the midst of the foul evils of today: God has a people filled with the beauty of holiness

We are born again not from the womb of night... from the morning

from the womb of death... but from life

not from the womb of Lies but from truth

We are not covered with the dew of death...life

For though the outward man is perishing, the inward man is being renewed...

We are being changed into His image even as of the Spirit of the Lord

JESUS HAS DESTROYED PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS

The Lord is at your right hand...he shall execute kings in the day of his wrath

he shall judge among the Nations; he shall fill the places with dead bodies; he shall execute the heads of many countries

In John the 12th chapter there's a beautiful progression that occurs:

Mary anoints the feet of Jesus (the rod of God's judgment) at Bethany;

then they plot to kill Lazarus and Jesus: then the triumphal entry and then certain Greeks came and said "We would see Jesus".

Several verses later Jesus...

Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say father save me from this hour?

But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father glorify your name.

A voice came from Heaven saying, I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.

Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered.

Others said an angel has spoken to him but Jesus answered and said,

“This voice did not come because of me, but for your sake.

Now is the Judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth will draw all men to me.”

Out of Zion of voice thundered:

-Now is the Judgment of this world!

-The ruler of this world is cast out

In Luke 10 after the demons are cast out, Jesus: “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven”

In John 16 the Holy Spirit will come *in judgment* because the prince of this world has been past tense condemned

Colossians 2

Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us which was contrary to us,

he has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Having disarmed principalities and powers, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it

Hebrews 2

Now since the children have Flesh and Blood he too shared in their humanity,

so that by his death he might destroy him who had the power of death that is the devil

and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death

THIS VICTORY OF JESUS IS SECURE

He shall drink of the brook by the wayside: Therefore He shall lift up the head.

His victory is so complete that He calmly drinks by the riverside!