

THE RESURRECTED CHRIST WILL HAVE HIS PRIZE: Psalm 110

INTRODUCTION:

The Lord Jesus Christ is alive!

Having been crucified in place of sinners He died; having died He was then buried. Yet...

I. Mary the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene found Jesus' tomb empty!

- **An angel appeared to them and said**, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here." (**Mark 16:6**) (they then run to tell Jesus' apostles...)

II. Peter and John then sprint to the tomb and also found it empty!

- **Listen to John 20:4-9** "4 Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, 7 and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead."

III. Jesus appeared to many others after His resurrection, even a crowd of 500 saw Him; He ate with His apostles; He gave them proofs by letting them touch His palms and side; He walked with two of his disciples and explained from the Scriptures everything written about Himself; He further trained His apostles; but before all that He appeared to Mary Magdalene individually.

- **Listen to this sweet scene in John 20:11-18** "11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener,

she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." **16** Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" **18** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her."

IV. Just before His ascension, Jesus stood on a mountain with His 11 disciples and there He commissioned them!

- **Matthew 28:18-20** "**18** And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
- **These are our marching orders! This is what we must be doing now.**
- **Q. But what is Jesus doing now?**
- I am glad you asked! That question—*what is Jesus doing now?*—is answered clearly for us in Psalm 110. Therefore on this Resurrection Sunday let us not only worship Jesus because He is resurrected; let us also worship Him because of what HE IS DOING IN HIS RESURRECTION! In Psalm 110, God teaches us at least 8 things the Lord Jesus Christ is now doing!

BIG IDEA OF PSALM 110: "The resurrected Christ is claiming the prizes of His sufferings!"

- **Here we have one of the most frequently quoted OT passages in the NT.** Quotations or allusions to Psalm 110 appear in the Gospel accounts, the book of Acts, Paul's letters, Hebrews, and the letters of Peter. Saints sing this psalm to celebrate the fact that the resurrected Lord Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. **MATTHEW HENRY:** "This Psalm is pure gospel."

I. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST IS FOOTSTOOLING HIS ENEMIES (v. 1)

Psalm 110:1 "The LORD says to my Lord:

'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool!'"

- **In Acts 2:36, right after quoting Psalm 110:1, Peter says,** "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both

Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- **CALVIN:** "however numerous those enemies may be who conspire against the Son of God, and attempt the subversion of his kingdom, all will be unavailing, for they shall never prevail against God's immutable purpose, but, on the contrary, they shall, by the greatness of his power, be laid prostrate at Christ's feet."
- **Philippians 2:8-11** "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."
- **Q.** Do you see what this means?

The Lord God is now busy conquering the nations and bringing them into the empire of Jesus!

- **Those who will not repent and submit to Christ—even those who try to harm the Kingdom of God—will not hurt Christ, but will simply lift Him higher up.** "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."
- **Q.** Have you bought into the misleading assumption that Jesus is not footstooling His enemies—that we lose here and we are sitting around waiting for things to get worse and worse and then the rapture?
- **All I have to say to that is what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:22-26,** "22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death."
- **CHILDREN: Jesus wins, always.**
- **The once-crucified now-resurrected Jesus is and will continue to be victorious! and if you belong to Him by faith, you will share that victory!** "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool!"

II. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST IS RULING IN THE MIDST OF HIS ENEMIES (v. 2)

Psalm 110:2 "The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!"

- **MATTHEW HENRY:** "By [your mighty scepter]...is meant his everlasting gospel, and the power of the Holy [Spirit] going along with it."

- **JOHN CALVIN:** "Christ's kingdom shall be vastly extended, because God would make his scepter stretch far and wide."
- **Q.** Is the resurrected Christ your ruler?

III. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST IS SAVING A PARTICULAR PEOPLE TO WORSHIP HIM (v. 3a)

Psalm 110:3a "Your people (*particular*) will offer themselves freely (*worship*) on the day of your power (*saving*);"

The resurrected Christ has been sworn a worshipping people, and He makes them willing by powerfully saving them from their sin!

- **1 Peter 1:3** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."
- **Q.** Has Christ made you willing—willing to worship Him in spirit and in truth?

IV. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST IS RECEIVING WORSHIP FROM A HOLY PEOPLE (v. 3b)

Psalm 110:3 "in holy garments;"

- **Romans 4:25** "[Jesus] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

The resurrected Jesus has been sworn a holy people, and He will make them holy!

- **Oh believers, see why you are forgiven and counted righteous! In His death Christ took your filthy rags upon Himself and was slain; in His resurrection He places his holy garments on you when He brings you to faith.**
- **CHILDREN:** Because of your sin, it is like you are standing before the king in muddy clothes. Oh but Christ Jesus can wipe away your dirt and make you clean. Jesus gives us new clean clothes!
- **Q.** Has Christ made you holy?

V. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST IS RECEIVING WORSHIP FROM A NUMEROUS PEOPLE (v. 3c)

Psalm 110:3c "from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours."

- **The image is when first the sun rises (womb of the morning) and**

shines on the dew across the fields; how numerous are those dew drops!

- **Q.** How many Christians were there 9 days after Jesus' ascension to heaven? 120. How many are there today? Millions!

The resurrected Lord has been sworn a numerous people, and He will bring them into His church!

- **Revelation 7:9-10** "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"
- **CHILDREN:** Have you ever seen a flock of sheep? Jesus says His church is like that. But there are some of His sheep that are scattered out all across this entire world. He says, "I must bring them in also." That is what Jesus is doing through us as we go and send missionaries to preach the gospel and plant churches. And we do it so that Jesus will be worshipped by a numerous people.
- **Q.** Has Christ brought you into His fold? Praise God!

VI. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST IS INTERCEDING FOR HIS SAINTS AS THE ETERNALLY ROYAL PRIEST (v. 4)

Psalm 110:4 "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.'" (**Hebrews 7:1-3**)

The resurrected Jesus is the Eternally Royal Priest, providing Acquittal from sins, Access in prayer, and Advocacy before God to all who have faith in Him!

I) If He is your Eternally Royal Priest, Christ has purchased your Never-ending Acquittal before God (Hebrews 10:11-14)

- There are two things that happened to you when God Acquitted you, when He justified you! **I)** Your guilt was removed *from* you and **II)** Christ's righteousness was reckoned *to* you.
- **Hebrews 10:11-14** "And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."

- **THOMAS WATSON:** "Christ looks not at your worthiness but at your wants."
- **Q.** Is the resurrected Christ your Eternally Royal Priest? Then He has purchased your never-ending acquittal with God!

II) If He is your Eternally Royal Priest, **Christ provides you Confident Access to God (Hebrews 4:14-16)**

- **Hebrews 4:14-16** "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
 - **See the utter foolishness of refusing to read the Word or pray or worship because you feel unworthy!** *You were never worthy; Christ is your worth or you have no worth at all! Weary saint, battling sin, go to the Word; go to the throne of grace in prayer to find help in time of need—Christ is your eternally royal priest!*
 - *You must go to the Father in the name of Jesus! God may refuse the prayers that come from us, but He will never refuse the prayers that come from us through Christ!*
- **Q.** Is the resurrected Lord your eternally royal priest? Then you have been provided confident access to God!

III) If He is your Eternally Royal Priest, **Christ stands as your Everlasting Advocate (Hebrews 7:23-25; 1 John 2:1)**

- **Hebrews 7:23-25** "The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but [Jesus] holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."
- **1 John 2:1** "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."
- **Q.** Is the resurrected Jesus your eternally royal priest? Then He stands as your everlasting Advocate!
- **THOMAS WATSON:** "When the devil shows the blackness of your sins, Christ shows the redness of His wounds."
- **Q.** What does God see when He looks at you—the black of your sins or the red of Christ's satisfaction? ***If you are in Christ, He sees Him in you and you in Him.***

VII. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST WILL JUDGE THE NATIONS, POURING OUT HIS WRATH ON EVEN THE MIGHTY WHO DO NOT REPENT (v. 5-6)

Psalm 110:5-6 "5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. 6 He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth."

- **This is why Paul says to the supposedly wise philosophers of Athens in Acts 17:30-31, "30** [God] commands all people everywhere to repent, **31** because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."
- **This is why David sings about Jesus in Psalm 2:12** "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."
- **Oh see the utter foolishness of those of you who refuse to submit to Christ Jesus the Lord!**
- **You will either kiss the Son's feet in repentance, faith, and obedience, or you will serve to prop them up in judgement!**

If you will not bend the knee now willingly, you will bend the knee then unwillingly in the day of His wrath! Oh bend the knee now and be saved or you will bend the knee later and be damned!

- **Q.** Do you bend the knee to Christ? You must.

VIII. THE RESURRECTED CHRIST WILL NOT GROW WEARY, THEREFORE HE WILL ACCOMPLISH ALL HIS PURPOSE (v. 7)

Psalm 110:7 "He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head."

There is nothing He cannot handle; no sin is a match for His grace. Exhaustion will not overcome our Resurrected King! "He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore He will lift up His head."

Therefore, there is no one so great a sinner that the resurrected Jesus is not a greater Savior!

- It does not matter who you are or what you have done, if you turn from

sin and embrace Jesus, you can be SURE that JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SIN, was BURIED, and AROSE TO ETERNAL LIFE THEREFORE CONQUERING DEATH for you!

You cannot out-sin the cross and you cannot out-die resurrection!

- **"I cannot out-sin the cross?"** No! and If you see and trust what Jesus did for you on accursed tree, you will not dare try. He will never grow weary of forgiving you of your sins and leading you in paths of righteousness for His names sake. **"He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore He will lift up His head."**
- **"I cannot out-die resurrection?"** No! no matter what pit you are in or may fall into, remember this: Jesus was once in a tomb. He walked out of His, knocked the teeth out of deaths' mouth, and will one day come back to take its head. **"He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore He will lift up His head."**
- **CHILDREN:** The resurrected Jesus does not get tired. If you trust Him by faith, He will never get tired of showing you His love and kindness.