

THE ENTHRONED SON

PSALM 110

Introduction:

Our Lord found solace in this Psalm. He used it in an attempt to explain Himself to both His critics and His disciples. This blesses me as I read the Psalm, and remember that my Lord found encouragement through its words when the way became dark for Him.

Before the day of Jesus the wise scholars among the Jews had found hope in this Psalm. While they remembered that it had been written in connection with the enthronement in Israel, they knew that it was a prophetic word about the coming King, the Messiah of Israel. It stirred their hearts in anticipation—the King in coming!

Then the Apostles turned to the Psalm to defend their conviction that Jesus was the true Messiah of Israel. They declared that the Psalm had been fulfilled in Him, and would continue to be so. The writer of Hebrews especially used the Psalm in encouraging the early Hebrew believers to maintain their commitment Jesus as the Messiah.

The Psalm is so rich in truth about our Lord. Let us just take an overview of the Psalm in this study.

When Jesus used the Psalm He focused on the first verse. “The LORD said to my Lord.” He pointed to something very obvious—the LORD, or the God of the Covenant, said to David’s Lord—the Sovereign over his life—be seated at My right hand. This could not be a reference to David since David called Him Lord. Unless you look carefully, you may miss it. We get confused by the repetition of the word Lord. However you must note that in the first instance it is the LORD which speaks. This translates the Hebrew name for God, Yahweh. In the next instance it is to the Lord that He speaks, and this is the Hebrew name for God, Adonai or Sovereign One.

The Sovereign One is now the exalted Son.

- I. HIS REIGN.
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