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Psalm 110 "The Rest of the Story about Jesus"

**Scripture:**

**Intro:** Paul Harvey, "The Rest of the Story."

We are entering the Easter Season. Four weeks from today will be Easter Sunday. Society says it's popular to talk about Jesus now. It's popular to attend church services. It's popular to add a little religion to your life.

But we have a problem. It's this. There's something missing in our understanding of Jesus. Our view of Him is greatly deficient.

Who is Jesus Christ? What did He come to do? What is He doing right now? What will He yet do? Where should we turn in God's Word to find the answers to those questions?

We could turn to Matthew, or Mark, or Luke, or John. But we won't.

This morning, to hear the rest of the story about Jesus, and to give us a proper view of Jesus at this Easter season, we want to begin a new series. Our text will not be the Gospels. Not even the NT primarily.

New Series: "Seeing the Savior in the Psalms"

Psalm 110 "The Rest of the Story about Jesus"

Psalm 2 "The Son Who Is King"

Psalm 22 "Forsaken By God"

Psalm 16 "The Empty Tomb"

Q: What is it about Jesus that lots of people fail to realize?

Illust:

**Proposition: This morning, we want to examine Psalm 110. Psalm 110 reveals 3 portraits of Jesus we often neglect.**

- I. Psalm 110 reveals Jesus as King (1-3).
- II. Psalm 110 reveals Jesus as Priest (4).
- III. Psalm 110 reveals Jesus as Judge (5-7).

We're going to turn to Psalm 110 in a moment.

Q: How can we study about Jesus from the OT?

Illust: Remember the fascinating account in Lk 24? Jesus had just conquered the grave. He was alive! On that Resurrection Sunday, He surprised 2 disciples who were traveling to Emmaus. They were perplexed about the events of the previous 3 days. What did Jesus do?

Lk 24:27 "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures, the things concerning Himself.

Lk 24:32 "Did not our hearts burn. . . while He opened the scriptures?"

Then Jesus returned to Jerusalem, and joined the 11 disciples. They were petrified. So He showed them His wounds, and ate with them. Then He said this. . .

Lk 24:44 "These are the words which I spoke unto you. . . that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me."

Did you catch that? What did Jesus mean by the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms? Those were the 3 sections of the Hebrew Bible, the OT. He opened up the OT scriptures and revealed Himself to them!

Lk 24:45 "Then opened He their understanding. . . the scriptures."

Key: The OT reveals Jesus Christ. We can see Him anticipated in the Pentateuch of Moses, the Prophets, and in the Psalms. Yes, even the Psalms. In what way does the OT reveal Christ?

With that in mind, turn to Psalm 110.

Key: Ps 110 is the most quoted OT passage in the NT. Referred to in:

Mt 22, Mk 12, Lk 20, Acts 2, Heb 1, 5, 7, 10

READ Ps 110

Q: What does Psalm 110 reveal to us about Jesus? 3 Portraits (oft neglected):

### **I. Psalm 110 reveals Jesus as King (1-3).**

Need to make some important observations:

1. Who wrote Psalm 110? "A Psalm of David" (actually part of v 1 in Heb)
2. What individuals are involved in Ps 110?

Key: Notice carefully 3 individuals in the Psalm:

V 1 "The LORD said unto my Lord. . ."

a. David--the writer ("my" Lord)

b. The LORD= God's Cov't Name (all capital letters); YHWH;

Yahweh; Jehoveh

c. My Lord= Adonai (differ Hebrew word); a title; means "master,

owner"

Who is this? A person David refers to as "his" Lord

What's going on in v 1? The scene is majestic. David is permitted to eavesdrop on a conversation that took place in heaven. Notice the Trinity. God the Father spoke to God the Son. Notice the sweet fellowship between the Persons of the Godhead as they conversed hundreds of years BC. How amazing that God would condescend to allow mortal ears to hear this heavenly conversation!

Q: What did He say?

A: "Sit thou at my right hand"

The right hand of God is obviously a position of royalty, the position of a King. To be invited to "sit" there indicates that the Person is equal with God!

Q: Who gave Jesus Christ the right to be King? God the Father!

Q: What did the Father promise He would do to insure the rule of His Son?

V 1 "until I make thine enemies thy footstool"

Ps 110 is a great Psalm! This is a Psalm which in prophetic terms tells us what God thinks of the Person and work of the Messiah. David heard Israel's covenant God Yaweh declare something magnificent about the Coming Messiah. The Messiah that was to come would be, and already was, King!!

Q: What would God do through this Coming King?  
V 2 "The LORD shall send the rod. . . rule. . ."

He would RULE!  
You say, "Wait a minute. V 2 says the Messiah would "rule" over his "enemies." If Jesus is the King, how does He rule?

V 3 "THY PEOPLE shall be willing"

Listen. As King, Jesus rules today in the lives of His people. His subjects are those that have bowed their knees to His authority. He reigns in the hearts of His followers. His reign right now is incognito. But it will not always be so, as we'll see in vv 5-7.

Problem: Some people think of Jesus as merely a great sage or moral reformer. But they can't buy the fact that He is God. He is King.

Q: If that's you, what are you going to do with Ps 110?!  
Ps 110 was written hundreds of years before Jesus walked the shores of Galilee. And if Jesus was only a great man, why did David announce that the coming Messiah was "his Lord"?

Illust: That's the question Jesus posed for the religious leaders. . .  
See: Mt 22:41-46 "Whose Son is the Christ?"

Ps 110 makes this clear. The Messiah Jesus is greater than the greatest of Israel's kings, David. The reason is clear. God exalted Him. God announced that this One is worthy to sit at His right hand. In fact, Jesus is not only greater than David, but greater than the most majestic angelic beings! Heb 1:13, "But to which of the angels did God ever say, Sit at my right hand?!"

Jesus is King! And as King, He deserves, and one day will receive, our reverence.

Illust: David called Jesus, "My Lord." Thomas, "My Lord and God."  
Illust:

Tran: That's the first oft neglected portrait of Jesus. He is King.

## II. Psalm 110 reveals Jesus as Priest (4).

Spurgeon (The Treasury of David) says v 4 is the heart of the Psalm.  
V 4 "The LORD hath sworn"

Remember in v 1, the LORD "said." This time God's announcement is even more authoritative. The LORD has "sworn."

V 4 is a divine oath. It's as if the Almighty God of the universe took the witness stand in the court of law. He was asked the question, "Who do you say Jesus is?! Who is He?!" Under oath, God answered that question. God, the One who does not "repent" (change His mind).

Q: What did God declare emphatically about the Messiah?

A: "Thou art a PRIEST forever. . ."

Look carefully at this declaration.

1. Thou ART a priest. (present tense)

Listen. David heard the announcement in his day. 1000 years before Jesus clothed himself with humanity in Bethlehem, He already was Priest! 1000 years beforehand, Jesus was sworn to be the priest of His people!

2. Thou art a priest FOREVER.

David knew all about priests. The priests of Israel made sacrifices year after year. But human priests come and go. Human priests die. What David heard must have astounded him. He heard about a Priest that would never die! He heard about a priest that forever and ever would represent sinful men to a holy God. He heard that this coming Messiah would be a priest FOREVER!

3. Thou art a priest forever AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZ"

Who was Melchizedek? He was the mysterious figure that Abe met in Genesis 14. We hear nothing of him before or since. No date of birth. No mention of death. He blessed Abe. He received his tithe. He vanished from the scene amid honor.

Why was Christ a priest? Was He from the tribe of Levi? No, from Judah. Why then is He a priest? Because of His Merit. Because of the atonement of His precious, spotless blood.

What is a priest? What did a priest do? A priest represented men before God. Sinful men. Sinful men cannot approach a holy God. Sinful men are out of fellowship, alienated. They need a Mediator. That's where the Priest came in. How did He mediate? By offering sacrifices. A life had to be taken. Why? For the wages of sin is death.

Key: There were 2 great offices in Israel. There were Kings. And Priests. Spurgeon makes the observation that no man in Israel ever held both offices (though some tried). Until Jesus came. Jesus is the Priest-King. He is the Sovereign of the Universe. And He is the Mediator between God and man.

READ Hebrews 5:5-10 "So also Christ. . . called of God an High Priest"

READ Heb 7:21b-25 ". . . seeing He ever lives to make intercession."

Q: Have you acknowledged Jesus Christ as YOUR High Priest?

Illust:

Tran: We've seen 2 portraits of Jesus so far from Ps 110. He is King. He is Priest. But there's a third. We seldom think of it or talk about it. . .

**III. Psalm 110 reveals Jesus as Judge (5-7).**

The last 3 verses of Ps 110 point to the future. Right now, in this present age, Jesus acts as Priest. He intercedes for His people. He reconciles fallen sinners to their God. He is seated at the Father's right hand, acting on our behalf.

But listen to this sobering announcement. The day is coming when our Great High Priest will leave His seat, stand, and take His righteous Sword in His hand. The Priest-King will act as Judge.

What will He do as Judge? Notice 6 activities of the Judge in vv 5-7.

Vv 5-7 "The Lord {Adonai} . . . shall strike through kings. . . judge. . . fill. . ."  
Here's what Jesus will do when He returns:

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| 1. Strike          | 2. Judge | 3. Fill with dead bodies |
| 4. Wound the heads | 5. Drink | 6. Lift up               |

What a frightful scene! Vv 5-7 take us to the battlefield. Here we see the Messiah as the Warrior. Conquering the world. Stomping out all opposition to His rule. Restoring once and for all His authority which men rejected in the Garden of Eden. He will conquer every king, every nation, without exception. V 7, "He will lift up the Head!"

Q: How will He do it?

Illust: God gave us a sample of His power in Acts 12:20-23. King Herod became puffed up with pride when the crowds shouted, "It is the voice of a god, and not of a man." V 23 "And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him because he gave not God the glory, and he was eaten of worms, and died."

Yes, Jesus will rule as Judge.

You say, "That doesn't sound like the Jesus I've heard about!" That's true. Most of us don't think of Jesus as He is presented in Ps 110. We have an inadequate view of Him.

What does v 5 call that day? "the day of His wrath"

We don't like to talk about that. "Wrath" and "Jesus" just don't seem to go together. Isn't Jesus the meek and lowly Savior that shed His blood on Calvary's cross? Yes. Isn't Jesus the patient High Priest that ever lives to make intercession for us? Yes. But He's also the Divine Judge.

So we won't forget that, the Bible ends on that note.

See Rev 19:17-21 {the fulfillment of Ps 110:5-7}

God has put up with our rebellious race, year after year, century after century. But at length, justice will prevail.

Friends, that's the Jesus of the Bible. He is King--He rules over this world, and deserves to have the control of your heart and life. Does He?

He is Priest--He paid the ultimate price for sin, His own life, and now He intercedes in behalf of His people. Call out to Him today, for cleansing, for forgiveness!

And He is Judge. He is coming again. With power and great glory.

Sing: #228 "Rejoice the Lord is King!"