

Lesson 9 – Thursday: Eternal Priest in the Order of Melchizedek

1. Psalm 110 – Most Quoted Psalm in the New Testament
 - a. Jesus (Mt. 22:43-45 - also in Mk. & Lk.) - David calls the Messiah Lord, showing that He was greater than himself
 - b. Peter (Acts 2:34) - deity and ascension of Christ
 - c. Paul - (1 Corinthian 15:25) – rule and dominion of Christ
 - d. Hebrews 1:13 – Jesus’s superiority to Angels
 - e. Referenced directly in Hebrews 10:13
2. **V.1** - David overhears a conversation in Heaven – **THE LORD said to MY Lord,**
 - a. LORD = Yahweh / “My Lord” (my Adonai) is not David
 - b. Jesus confirms in Matthew 22:41-45 that this is a conversation between God the Father and God the Son (the Messiah)
3. HERE IS WHAT Yahweh said!
 - a. **V.1** – *“Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”*
 - b. Prophetic picture of Jesus’ enthronement following His ascension, victorious, rightful ruler
 - c. Every text showing Jesus seated at the right hand of God alludes to this conversation – prophetically confirmed in advance (Matthew 26:64, Acts 5:31, 7:55-56, Romans 8:34, Ephesians 1:20, Colossians 3:1)
4. **V.2** – *The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!*
 - a. The Messiah’s reign covers ALL the Earth
5. **V.3** - *Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.*
 - a. Jesus’ followers are volunteers, participating in His mission, because they have seen His beauty.
 - b. Following Jesus’ enthronement, He pours out power through the Holy Spirit as the dew covering all who are willing
6. NOW the scene David is describing CHANGES
 - a. **V.4** – *The LORD has sworn and will not relent,*
 - Yahweh pledges Himself and His name as absolute confirmation
 - b. *“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”*
 - **Genesis 14:18** – Melchizedek is the precedent that there is an order of priesthood *outside* of the family of Aaron and humanity that is both King and Priest
 - Jesus’ priesthood is not just different, but better, because Jesus is a Priest forever (Hebrews 7:16)
 - Jesus’ priesthood offers sacrifices with power, not just symbols (Hebrews 10:4)
7. NOW speaking About the Messiah
 - a. **V.5** – *The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.*
 - The Messiah is no longer seated in Heaven. He returns to bring His work to completion (*“To make your enemies your footstool”*)
 - The Second Coming has been God’s plan all along
 - b. **Vs. 6** – *He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.*
 - Sin and death will be forever eliminated, because of Jesus’ kingly and priestly authority and ministry
8. BUT THERE IS MORE!!
 - a. **V.7** – *He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; therefore He shall lift up the head.*
 - The scene changes. The Final Judgment concludes / SIN is No More / Death is NO MORE / Violence is NO MORE
 - A Brook – To Drink (Refresh) – The Battle is Done
 - The Messiah is Refreshed / His Volunteers are Refreshed
 - b. Lift up the head – The Messiah (THE HEAD) is Lifted up, Exalted Forevermore
 - And He lifts up the head of His Volunteers: LOOK, No More Sin to be Seen