

“Palm” Sunday = John 12 and Luke 19.

“Could it be true? Is this really happening? Is the Kingdom of God coming right now? Is this the Messiah (THE Son of David)?!”

When God Makes a Promise

Psalm 110

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Questions for discussion and application

- Read Psalm 110. How do we know this is “prophetic”?
- What does “*The LORD says to my lord*” mean?
- Who is God’s promise to? What is God’s first promise about?
- How is *absolute victory* symbolized for the one who sits at Yahweh’s right hand?
- What is the next major promise? See verse 4.
The book of Hebrews offers some extraordinary commentary on Melchizedek. See Hebrews 5:6-10; 6:19-7:28. What do you think is the significance of this promise?
- What do you think this Psalm would have produced in the hearts of its original hearers? How about the hearts of the nation of Israel *after* the nation was divided, when after a few hundreds years they were led off into exile; Jerusalem was stomped on, the temple destroyed, and the Davidic line silenced?
- What is “*the gap between promise and experience*”? Have you ever been there? Any examples you’re willing to share? In what way are we all (those trusting in Jesus) there now?
- What did Psalm 110 highlight for the early church / apostles? Read Acts 2:29-37; Acts 5:42, 17:3, 18:5; Ephesians 1:22; Hebrews 1:3, 10:11-13, 12:2; 1 Timothy 1:17, 6:14-16; 1 Peter 3:22; Romans 8:34
- What difference should the fact that Jesus is the Messiah (King-Priest) make in our lives? How does it build our faith in God and the promises he’s made?
- What does it look like for you to bow your life to Jesus The Messiah? To live for His Kingdom?

The promised line - traced from the opening chapters of the Bible. From Eve to Abraham to Judah to David (Promise to David = 1 Chronicles 17:10-14; 2 Samuel 7:11-16).

1. God’s promise to the King: you will reign in absolute victory (Psalm 110:1-3)

Verse 1 “*The very word of YHWH to my Sovereign Master.*”

The “divine name” YHWH or Yahweh is usually translated LORD in English Bibles. = “He who is” or “I am.”

2. God's promise to the King: you will be a priest forever (Psalm 110:4-7)

The ESV = "*The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind*"

The king is going to have an intercessory role. He's going to rule *and mediate*; he's going to defend *and declare*.

"In the order of Melchizedek?"

Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 5:6-10; 6:19-7:28

The gap between promise and experience

Hope, anticipation, expectation,
questions
about the promises God made
all swimming around in the hearts of those
who *knew* God's promises
but were still waiting.

Ever feel like you were living in *the gap between promise and experience*?

3. When God makes a promise He keeps it.

David saw what was ahead and prophetically spoke about the "Messianic King" = God's Anointed, empowered by His Spirit to deliver His people, a consecrated King who would judge the nations, establish God's kingdom and rule forever.

Matthew 22:44 – Jesus used Psalm 110

Referenced over 27 times in NT.

Acts 2:29-37 – Peter preaches Psalm 110 right away

Jesus: Victorious King

Jesus: Permanent Priest (*read the book of Hebrews!)

How should we respond? **Acts 2:38**