



Study Guide: Week 6 - Psalm 110

Opening Prayer: Praise and honor belong to you, everlasting Word, because you were made flesh and sacrificed yourself upon the cross as the offering for sin. Govern us according to your wisdom; defend us against our enemies; speak for us with your Father, and let us live under you in your kingdom in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. Amen. *

Psalm 110

1 The Lord says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

2 The Lord sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

3 Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power,
in holy garments;

from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.

4 The Lord has sworn
and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”

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.

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

Additional Scriptures:

Hebrews 10:12-13, 1 Cor. 15:24-28, 2 Samuel 7, Mark 12:36, Acts 2:34-35, Hebrews 7:11-21

Questions:

1. Read verse 1 out loud. Who is “the Lord” and who is “my Lord”? For help discussing this question, read Hebrews 10:12-13 and 1 Cor. 15:24-28.
2. Read 2 Samuel 7 out loud. With that in mind, read verse 4. Does the 2 Samuel reading help you have a fuller sense of what David is saying in verse 4? How so?
3. Discuss how the promise God gave David in 2 Samuel relates to the promise God gave Adam and Eve in the garden (Genesis 3) and to Abraham (Genesis 22:15-18).
4. When you read verses 2, 5, and 6 what do you think of? In other words, what are some of the images and feelings that come to mind when reading these verses? How do you think people in David’s time heard those verses?
5. Is God’s/Christ’s understanding of verses 2, 5, and 6 the same as yours? In other words, were the expectations of the people before Jesus’ birth, crucifixion, and resurrection met the way we thought they would be met? Discuss your answer.
6. When you read verses such as 5 and 6, how do you feel? Threatened, afraid? Discuss. Then discuss what God’s judgment is over you, specifically, and how you know this.

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