

Psalm 110 is a prophetic Psalm. It's the most quoted Psalm in the New testament, and it serves as a royal Psalm, declaring the kingship of the Lord. Perhaps of most importance is the manner in which this Psalm serves to declare Jesus the Messiah. Seeing this Psalm in the context of all its references, and the way the New Testament writers use it, makes it clear that Jesus is the subject, and he truly is the Messiah.

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The Messiah's Identity

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

MY EXPERIENCE...

YOUR EXPERIENCE...

How we view Jesus is critical in understanding God, ourselves, and the world in which we live. While it's a foundational question (Who is Jesus?), it's also a question we need to constantly be reminded of, revisiting it often so that our life choices, interaction with others, and worship holds to a proper trajectory of Truth.

II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

DO you ever find yourself questioning whether or not Jesus is the Messiah?

WHAT difference does it make if Jesus was the Messiah or not?

From your understanding of Scripture, **WHAT** did Jesus say about His identity as the Messiah, specifically?

HOW might you respond to someone who wasn't sure if Jesus was truly the Messiah or not?

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Read Psalm 110

OBSERVATION

As the Psalm begins, who is speaking?

What does the LORD say to the author's Lord in vs. 1?

What does the LORD send forth from Zion in vs. 2?

How is this "sent one" described in vs. 4?

What do you observe about the Lord's position in vs. 5?

Describe what he does in vs. 6.

Describe how the Psalm ends in vs. 7.

INTERPRETATION

In vs. 1, what does LORD (all caps) signify?

How does David's statement in vs. 1 challenge or expand your understanding of who the Messiah is?

What is a scepter and how does it add to David's point in vs. 1?

What has the LORD sworn in vs. 4?

Who is Melchizedek? How does knowing his identity provide a better understanding of who David is speaking of in this passage? Consider Genesis 14:17-20 and Hebrews 7 for insight.

What difference does it make that David speaks of this King also as a priest? Why is this significant? Consider Numbers 3:10, 16:40.

In 1 Samuel 13, why was Saul rebuked for serving in both these roles?

Who did Peter claim that Jesus was, and how did Jesus respond to his claim in Mark 8:27-30?

How does Jesus fulfill the role of King and priest? Consider Luke 1:32-33 and Hebrews 4:14-16 for insight.

APPLICATION

How might you use Psalm 110 to respond to the question of, "Who is Jesus?"