

Psalm 110 is one of the most important texts in all of the Bible. The importance of this Psalm is seen in that this is the Psalm most often quoted in the New Testament (Acts 2:24, 35; Heb. 1:13; 5:6; 6:20; 7:21; 10:12-13).

Jesus Christ specifically quoted this Psalm in reference to Himself in making the point that He was not just David's descendant, but was in fact the Messiah and David's Lord (Mark 12:25-36; Mt. 22:43-44; Lk. 20:41-42). **We know from these quotes that this is, as the superscription says, "A Psalm of David."**

In Matthew 22:41-46, the Pharisees were trying to trap Christ and Christ asked them a question "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" When the Pharisees said, "the son of David," Christ quoted Psalm 110, which proves several things:

- 1) It proves that this Psalm was written by David.
- 2) It proves that this Psalm was an inspired Psalm given to David.
- 3) It proves that this Psalm is a prophecy concerning Jesus Christ.
- 4) It proves that Jesus Christ had both Davidic humanity (David's son) and Divine Deity (David's Lord).

Dr. C. I. Scofield said that this Psalm is a prominent Psalm because it does many things:

- 1) It affirms the Deity of Jesus Christ.
- 2) It announces the Eternal Priesthood of Jesus Christ.
- 3) It historically begins with the ascension of Jesus Christ.
- 4) It gives prophetic insight into the return and judgment of Jesus Christ.

In this Psalm, David is permitted to listen to a conversation between God the Father and God the Son. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he was permitted to hear this remarkable discussion. This Psalm is an eavesdropper's dream come true. This is a private discourse between God the Father and God the Son.

**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS PRESENTLY SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER, AND IS TOLD TO SIT THERE UNTIL A MOMENT COMES IN THE FUTURE WHEN HE WILL TAKE CHARGE OF EVERYTHING AS A DIVINE MESSIAH, KING, PRIEST AND JUDGE.**

As we look at the Psalm, there are two main communications that take place between God the Father and God the Son:

**COMMUNICATION #1** – God the Father communicates His first message to Jesus Christ.  
**110:1-3**

Now from these verses there are five observations we may make:

**Observation #1** - Jesus Christ is the Lord. **110:1a**

Notice this Psalm opens with Deity talking to Deity; God talking to God. David realized that the LORD (Jehovah) was talking to his Lord (Adonai). So this discussion is between members of the Godhead. God the Father is speaking to God the Son. The Hebrew word “says” is one that is consistently used concerning Divine Revelation.

**Observation #2** - Jesus Christ is presently seated at the right hand of the Father. **110:1b**

This is the most exalted position one could ever have. The Throne of God is the Father’s throne. The right hand is not just a position of honor concerning this throne; but it is actually a place of authority and power. Jesus Christ is presently occupying this position between the time of His ascension and the time of His second coming. He is quietly waiting for the moment when He will take charge of the world.

**Observation #3** - Jesus Christ will eventually have all enemies under His feet. **110:1c**

Notice the enemies are Christ’s enemies. All enemies of Jesus Christ will be humbled publicly, openly and eternally. God the Father will make all enemies a footstool for Christ to trample with His feet.

Enemies of Jesus Christ are destined for disaster. Every religious enemy, every political enemy, every educational enemy, every business enemy, every seen and unseen enemy will be trampled by Jesus Christ. A footstool is a place where you rest your feet. Christ will not rest until all enemies have been eliminated.

**Observation #4** - Jesus Christ will eventually judge, reign and rule from Jerusalem. **110:2**

There is a strong rod or scepter of slaughter and punishment that features conquest and punishment, which will gather all enemies for judgment. This triumphant judgment will proceed out of Zion, which is another name for Jerusalem (Is. 2:3). Jerusalem will one day be the center of all government of the world.

**Observation #5** - Jesus Christ will reign with His people. **110:3**

The first time Christ came, the Jewish people did everything but willingly submit to Him. But when He comes the next time to rule and reign, all of His people will freely and willingly volunteer to submit to Him and dedicate themselves to Him.

People will be on Christ’s side from the day they are born. Babies and young people will willingly serve Him. There will be no more rebellion against Him.

**COMMUNICATION #2** – God the Father communicates His second message to Jesus Christ. **110:4-7**

There are three observations we may make concerning this:

**Observation #1** - God's Word will not ever change concerning these matters. **110:4a**

God has entered into a serious verbal and legal promise with Himself and with His Son and His Son only. There will be no other mediator or King. God has sworn and He will not change His mind about the fact that His Son is coming to trample all enemies and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Nothing will ever prevent this from happening.

**Observation #2** - Jesus Christ is a priest forever. **110:4b**

Christ is a Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, who was a very mysterious and unique individual in the Bible. He did not have any pedigree (Heb. 7:1-3). To be a priest one needed to be in the Aaronic line and to be a King, one had to be in the Davidic line. Melchizedek was the king of Jerusalem and priest of the Most High God (Gen. 14:18; Heb. 7:1).

**The unique feature of the Melchizedek priesthood was that he was both a King and a Priest.** It was predicted that the Messiah would hold two offices—Priest and King (Zechariah 6:13).

Jesus Christ is like Melchizedek because He is the King and Priest forever, who offered Himself as a sacrifice (Heb. 5:5-6, 10; 6:20; 7:15-22). Furthermore, Jesus Christ had no beginning nor ending. Although in He literally did come through the line of David to be King, He also will be the Great High Priest.

**Observation #3** - Jesus Christ is presently at the right hand of the Father and as King/Priest waiting for the finale of God. **110:5-7**

There are six realities:

**Reality #1** - Jesus Christ will shatter kings in the Day of His wrath. **110:5b**

This is a very serious prediction concerning political leaders who moved their constituency away from God and His Word, from Jesus Christ and into a hatred of Israel.

**Reality #2** - Jesus Christ will judge all the nations. **110:6a**

Jesus Christ will judge the nations, specifically in regard to how they treated Israel. Keep in mind Jesus Christ, Himself, is Jewish and the nations of the world will be called to face Him.

**Reality #3** - Jesus Christ will fill the nations with corpses. **110:6b**

The first time Jesus Christ came to this earth, He came as a sacrificial Lamb, the next time He comes, and He is coming as a ferocious judge.

**Reality #4** - Jesus Christ will shatter the leaders of the united and massive country. **110:6c**

The chief men probably refer to the Antichrist and the political leaders who were his allies. But in the end, every God-mocking politician will be condemned by Jesus Christ.

Those leaders who promoted false things will be destroyed. Notice the dimension is over a “broad country.” That word refers to the fact that many politicians covering a massive amount of land will be destroyed.

**Reality #5** - Jesus Christ will continue to refresh Himself as He continues His judgment. **110:7a**

Now the first part of **verse 7** reveals several things. Jesus Christ will physically be here on earth as a Person who can drink. This will be no angelic spirit being. Christ will literally be here. He will literally do these things. He will literally drink from brooks and He will literally pursue and judge His enemies.

He will track every single enemy down and will pause for refreshment. As He destroys all enemies, it will be refreshing to all and He, Himself, will be refreshed.

**Reality #6** - Jesus Christ will be exalted. **110:7b**

Jesus Christ will one day be lifted up as the great high and mighty God. He will lift His head high.

This Psalm allows us to listen into a remarkable discussion between God the father and God the Son. It is evident that God the Father is telling God the Son what ultimately will happen. He will come to reign and judge.