



**WBC Verse for the Year 2020**

*'The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness'*  
(Lamentations 3 verses 22-23)

## Psalm 110

Here is a summary on Psalm 110, with some things to reflect on.

A video of this is on Youtube - <https://youtu.be/57LWumeWdRM> or our website - [wychwoodbaptist.org.uk/resources/midweek-reflections/](http://wychwoodbaptist.org.uk/resources/midweek-reflections/)

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Psalm 110 promises victory for the King. Yet this is no ordinary King. He is also a 'Priest forever' over his people.

*How will he be victorious? Let's take a look!*

**READ: PSALM 110 verses 1-3**  
Victory with His people

Here, and again in verse 4, we have two declarations from God about His king.

Our first reveals to us his position of authority - at God's right hand!

Verse 1 - 'The Lord' (God) speaks to 'My Lord' (the King) - saying 'Sit at my right hand.' This was the place of honour, the place of authority. God would be at His side, and he would be God's 'right hand man' all through the battle.

Through this King, God would make his enemies 'a footstool;'

they would be under him, in submission, and ruled over by him.

His power and authority, verse 2 would extend from Zion - the city of God - over the Kings enemies - over all nations.

Victory is won, but not alone. It's with willing troops, verse 3. The King will be with people, not conscripted, not forced, but those who have willingly joined him.

These willing troops are 'arrayed in holy majesty' - pure, set apart, clothed with the glory of God. The 'womb of the dawn' and 'dew of your youth' giving us this picture that they are fresh, energised and youthful.

**READ: PSALM 110 verse 4**  
Victory as their Priest

So the King, with his willing and youthful troops will be victorious. Yet this is no ordinary King, he is also Priest. As King he rules over his people. As Priest he interceded on their behalf.

In verse 4, God promises that he will be 'A priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.' In Genesis 14 (vv18-20), Melchizedek formed both functions, blessing Abram. In Psalm 110, God promises that His King would also be priest. Blessing and interceding as a priest does, over his people.

For how long? - 'for ever.' There will be no end to his interceding for his people.

**READ: PSALM 110 verses 5-7**  
Victory secured

With God by his side, our Psalm ends revealing the totality of this King-Priest's victory.

All opposing authorities and powers will fall, their authority, their influence crushed. Nations will be judged.

As total victory is secured, our King-Priest is refreshed, his head lifted high.

## Jesus - Our Victorious King-Priest

Yes, this King-Priest will come from the line of David, but this psalm is fulfilled by no earthly King.

Psalm 110 is quoted in the New Testament about Jesus. It points to the victory secured for us through him. To his defeat over all powers and authorities in opposition to God. His defeat over the power and influence of sin.

This victory has been secured for us at the cross through his death and resurrection, and yet we await it's final fulfilment when he comes again.

On that day, we share the victory with him. Through faith and trust in him we are so radically transformed. Our hearts are changed from being in opposition to God, to being his 'willing troops.' We are pure, set apart, clothed in his glory - with a new youthful vigour as those who have been reborn, given new life!

In the meantime, Jesus is sat at the right hand of the Father. Hebrews 5-10 speaks of Jesus as our Great High Priest, the King-Priest like Melchizidek. Hebrews reminds us of how the priest used to provide regular sacrifices on behalf of the people. Yet Jesus is our 'once for all' sufficient and final sacrifice. Our Great High Priest. Now, he continues with priestly function. He is at the right hand of the Father, interceding on our behalf (Romans 8v34).

At the outset of Psalm 110, God speaks of the King being at God's right hand. Of how God himself will give him the victory. That he would make his enemies his footstool. Hebrews 1v13 quotes this of being spoken about Jesus and the victory secured through him. Peter affirms the same in Acts 2vv34-35.

In Psalm 110 we are given total confidence in the victory of God's King-Priest. Of how we will willingly share in that victory as those who have been transformed because of the new life that we have through him. Whilst we anticipate the fulfilment of that victory, when Jesus returns - we can be assured that he is at the right hand of the Father, interceding on our behalf.

## REFLECTION

*Spend some time re-reading the passage, and thinking about the following*

*How does Jesus being at God's right hand give you assurance in his victory?*

This is a Psalm which speaks of God's total victory over his enemies. Colossians 1v21 that we too were once God's enemies. Enemies because of our opposition to his rule in our lives.

*How should that drive us on in our witness to others?*

Once alienated and enemies (Colossians 1:21), we have been transformed through faith in Jesus. We have been made pure and holy; clothed in his righteousness. With hearts devoted to him.

As such, we are to be the 'willing troops' of verse 3

*Is your life freely, willingly offered into his service?  
Is there any way you are currently being un-willing?*

*How does the fact that total victory is assured for us in Christ, give us hope for today as well as assurance for the future?*

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***These are just some thoughts.***

***What else strikes you about this passage?***

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**\*\*\* SUNDAY 14TH JUNE \*\*\***

*This Sunday, instead of continuing in the psalms, we will have a focus on the cross. This will include reflection on the significance of the bread and the cup. If you would like to take the bread and cup in remembrance, please have these available for the service.*