



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

April 14th, 2021

“Song of Our
Eternal Priest-King”
Psalm 110

TITLE. — *A Psalm of David.* Of the correctness of this title there can be no doubt, since our Lord in Matthew xxii says, “How then doth David in spirit call him Lord.” Yet some critics are so fond of finding new authors for the psalms that they dare to fly in the face of the Lord Jesus himself. To escape from finding Jesus here, they read the title, “Psalm of (or concerning) David,” as though it was not so much written by him as of him; but he that reads with understanding will see little enough of David here except as the writer. He is not the subject of it even in the smallest degree, but Christ is all. How much was revealed to the patriarch David! How blind are some modern wise men, even amid the present blaze of light, as compared with this poet-prophet of the darker dispensation. May the Spirit who spoke by the man after God’s own heart give us eyes to see the hidden mysteries of this marvellous psalm, in which every word has an infinity of meaning.

SUBJECT AND DIVISION. — The subject is THE PRIEST-KING. None of the kings of Israel united these two offices, though some endeavoured to do so. Although David performed some acts which appeared to verge upon the priestly, yet he was no priest, but of the tribe of Judah, “of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning the priesthood”; and he was far too devout a man to thrust himself into that office uncalled. The Priest-King here spoken of is David’s Lord, a mysterious personage typified by Melchizedek, and looked for by the Jews as the Messiah. He is none other than the apostle and high-priest of our profession, Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. The Psalm describes the appointment of the kingly priest, his followers, his battles, and his victory. Its centre is verse 4, and so it may be divided, as Alexander¹ suggests, into the introduction, verses 1-3; the central thought, verse 4; and the supplementary verses, 5-7.

Treasury of David

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

VOLUME V, PASSMORE & ALABASTER EDITION

(footnote added by Pastor Jon)

¹ **Joseph Addison Alexander** (1809-1860); an American clergyman and Presbyterian theologian, serving as professor of oriental and biblical literature at Princeton Theological Seminary, and assistant to Dr. Charles Hodge (*Systematic Theology*); author of several books, including the 3-volume, *The Psalms Translated and Explained* (pub. 1850).

Devotional Thoughts from Psalm 110:4

The LORD has sworn, and will not relent. Yehovah God condescends to use a device of men (taking an oath) to demonstrate the grace of His ordination; yet, He declares His sovereignty and the absolute power of His eternal proposition by the words, *and will not repent* (KJV).

"You are a priest forever." Literally, "You are a priest from/to everlasting." The priesthood of Aaron, from the tribe of Levi, has come and gone. Aaron's ministry, and that of his descendants was only earthly shadow of Christ's eternal priesthood. It is not the garments or activities of Aaron's sons that powerfully triumph, but instead, are found in Christ's godly incarnation and ascended intercessions (Heb 7:1-28).

"According to the order of Melchizedek." Literally, "On things of 'King of Righteousness.'" As the King of Salem and priest of the most high God brought forth bread and wine, blessed Abram, and received tithes from Abram, the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal King of Righteousness, by which all with faith commune (bread and wine), are blessed by, who also receives the spoil from every victorious battle upon earth (Gen 14:17-24).

Devotional Challenge for Our Youth (& Young at Heart)

SINCE CHRIST JESUS IS OUR FOREVER PRIEST, who *"always lives to make intercession"* for those He has saved and is saving (Heb 7:25), we should go to Christ first for our every want and need. Do you pray in Christ's name and seek Him first before asking others?

SINCE CHRIST JESUS IS THE KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, He was the manifestation of the utmost righteous behavior upon the planet; and since He is the King of Righteousness (Melchizedek), do you measure righteousness by His standard?

SINCE CHRIST JESUS IS OUR KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, are you obedient to our sovereign King? Moreover, because Jesus is the eternal King of Righteousness, is He the source of your power to obey?

What to Pray for This Week:

1. May the blessed truth of Your Word minister to us as we pray.
2. May our prayers begin sounding like those prayed in Scripture because You're conforming our lives to Christ.
3. May our focus in prayer be upon You, and not for the ears of man.
4. Pour out Your Spirit upon Christ's church, and upon the world.
5. Purify Your children, and unite us to worship You in Christ, with one heart, one mind and one accord.
6. Raise up godly ministers unto Your harvest, and bless those who are already laboring in Your field.
7. Be merciful unto us by bringing saving faith to our unsaved family, friends, neighbors, the village of Ninilchik, and all the residents of the Kenai Peninsula.
8. Remove from us all pride, haughtiness and arrogance, and make us ever watchful against the flesh and every temptation from the enemy.
9. Humble us as we commune with You in prayer, and keep us from lip-service, from deedless word religion and heartless works religion.
10. Teach us to abide in Christ each time we pray; that our hearts may be knit to His so we may glorify You.

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