

**Thought for Today: March 3, 2008**

**Psalm 110 (NASB)**

**The LORD says to my Lord:  
"Sit at My right hand  
Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."  
The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying,  
"Rule in the midst of Your enemies."  
Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power;  
In holy array, from the womb of the dawn,  
Your youth are to You as the dew.**

**The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,  
"You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek."  
The Lord is at Your right hand;  
He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.  
He will judge among the nations,  
He will fill them with corpses,  
He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.  
He will drink from the brook by the wayside;  
Therefore He will lift up His head.**

This psalm is well-represented in the New Testament as a prophecy of the coming One who would be both a priest and a king. That is, a priest better than Aaron and a king better than David. We know that this One who is both king and priest is none other than Jesus Christ.

That God has ordained Jesus to fulfill these roles is a powerful fact. Whether or not the writer of this psalm understood all that he was writing is uncertain. Whether or not the Jews who made use of this psalm understood it in messianic terms is also unclear. What we can be clear about is that portions of this psalm have already been fulfilled in history. Jesus Christ has been exalted to the right hand of God; His enemies have already become a footstool for His feet in many ways. The fact that He is both King and Priest is true.

But where are we in all this? Are we part of the volunteer host that clothes itself in holiness and is ready to do whatever the Commander requires? Or are we to be among those who are judged and shattered in the day of His wrath?

If we want to be part of God's camp, then we would be wise to remember that the holiness with which we clothe ourselves is available only in Jesus. The priest who provides our access to God and who made the only sacrifice that can purify us is Jesus. And the king whose rule should direct our lives, claim our allegiance, and cheer our hearts at the thought of a great victory that will one day come, is also our Lord Jesus.

What more could we want? What more could He give? He has already given Himself.

In Him,  
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