

Study and Discussion Guide for *Psalm 110*

A Messianic Psalm: The Messiah will be King and Priest

The Structure of *Psalm 110*

- 1-3 King
 - 1 First Oracle: You are King!
 - 2-3 Elaboration of the oracle
- 4-7 Priest
 - 4 Second Oracle: You are Priest!
 - 5-7 Elaboration of the oracle

Some Questions for Listening, Meditating, and Discussing

1. Notice the five times that the words *LORD* and *Lord* are used. Why is one uppercase with small caps and the other uppercase and lower case? Who is the person being referred to each time? Notice how Jesus used these words in Matthew 22:41-45
2. Do the same thing for the pronouns: *I, you, he, my, your, his*. Who is the person being referred to each time?
3. In verse 1, what does it mean to “sit at the right hand”? (See Matthew 26:64 and Daniel 7:13.)
4. In verse 1, what does it mean for enemies to become “a footstool for your feet”? (See Joshua 10:20-26.)
5. In verse 3, what does it mean to “receive the dew of your youth” “from the womb of the dawn”? (See 2 Samuel 17:12)
6. What two things does Genesis 14:18 say about Melchizedek? What does the name *Melchizedek* mean?
7. How is a priest “in the order of Melchizedek” different from a priest “in the order of Aaron”? (See Hebrews 7:1-28)
8. During the time of the kings, what did kings and priests have in common and how were they different? (See Ex 28:41; 1 Samuel 15:1; 2 Chronicles 26:16-20; Ex 28:36-38.)
9. Both Psalm 2 and Psalm 110 are considered Messianic Psalms. What does Psalm 110 add to the expectation in Psalm 2? How is the message of Psalm 110 similar to the message of Zechariah 6:10-13?
10. Is there any phrase or idea in this psalm that is a comfort to you or a challenge or fills you with delight and makes you want to sing or shout with praise