

# ROOTED AND STEADFAST

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## Christ the Exalted King and Eternal Priest

BASED ON PSALM 110

"The LORD declared to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.'" — Psalm 110:1 (CSB)

Psalm 110 is a royal psalm, attributed to David, but its significance stretches far beyond his reign. It is the most frequently quoted Old Testament passage in the New Testament. Why? Because it points unmistakably to Jesus Christ as the exalted King, eternal Priest, and victorious Lord.

Verse 1 reveals a divine conversation: "The LORD declared to my Lord..." Here, David acknowledges someone greater than himself—his "Lord." Jesus referenced this verse in Matthew 22:44 to silence His critics and reveal His divine identity. He is both David's Son and David's Lord—fully man and fully God. This verse encapsulates the mystery and majesty of the Incarnation.

The psalm continues in verse 4: "The LORD has sworn an oath and will not take it back: 'You are a priest forever according to the pattern of Melchizedek.'" This promise reveals Jesus not only as King but as our eternal High Priest. The priesthood of Melchizedek predates and surpasses the Levitical system. As Hebrews 7:25 declares, "Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them." Jesus' priesthood is perfect, unchanging, and forever effective.

Psalm 110 also speaks of judgment and victory. Verse 6 says, "He will execute judgment among the nations." Though gentle and lowly in His first coming, Jesus will return as Judge and King (Revelation 19:11-16). The enemies of God will be defeated, and righteousness will prevail.

This psalm is a powerful reminder that Jesus is not only Savior but sovereign. He reigns now at the right hand of the Father (Hebrews 1:3), and His final victory is assured. As believers, we rest in the security of His rule, the sufficiency of His priesthood, and the certainty of His return.

### Reflection Questions:

1. How does Jesus' identity as both King and Priest impact your daily walk with Him?
2. Are there areas in your life where you need to submit more fully to His reign?
3. How can the certainty of Christ's victory encourage you in today's battles?

### Prayer:

Lord Jesus, You are exalted above all, seated at the right hand of the Father. Thank You for being my King, my Priest, and my coming Victor. Help me to trust Your rule, rest in Your intercession, and walk in Your victory. Amen.

## Week Twenty-Nine Passages

July 14

JAMES 5  
PSALMS 107-108  
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July 15

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PSALM 109

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LUKE 2  
PSALM 110  
PROVERBS 18

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PSALMS 111-112  
PROVERBS 19

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LUKE 4  
PSALM 113  
PROVERBS 20

