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Psalm 110

*"Jesus the King, Priest, and Judge"*

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David wrote this psalm approximately 1,000 years before Jesus Christ was born. He wrote prophetically about the Messiah – Jesus – who is King, Priest, and Judge. But how does this apply to us? In today’s message, Pastor Gary teaches about what it personally means for Jesus to be King, Priest, and Judge.

### Historical Background

1. **Luke 24:44** – “[Jesus] said to them, ‘This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.’ ”
  - a. When Jesus said this, he was referring to the entirety of the Old Testament.
  - b. There are 300+ prophecies in the Old Testament concerning the coming of Jesus, and Jesus fulfilled all 300+ prophecies!
  - c. The statistical improbability of one man fulfilling the 300+ biblical prophecies in the Old Testament about the Messiah is mind-boggling to say the least. Dr. Peter Stoner,<sup>1</sup> Professor Emeritus of Science at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, calculated that the likelihood of one person fulfilling 48 of the 300+ prophecies would be 1:10<sup>157</sup> (that’s an additional 157 zeros!).<sup>2</sup> How many people have lived on earth? The numbers vary widely, however, some have estimated that a good number would be 100 billion people. If you used this number for the prophesy fulfillment calculation, it would read 1:10<sup>11</sup> (that’s only 11 zeros). Practically speaking, mathematicians and scientists aren’t that concerned about a number that

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<sup>2</sup> For more information, use this link to access the book, *Science Speaks* by Dr. Peter Stoner. The specific information is found in the last part of chapter three. <http://sciencespeaks.dstoner.net>

goes beyond 1:10<sup>50</sup>, so statistically, it's not possible that anyone other than Jesus could be the Messiah, and that would just be the fulfillment of 48 of the 300+ Old Testament prophecies. Dr. Stoner said, "Any man who rejects Christ as the Son of God is rejecting a fact proved perhaps more absolutely than any other fact in the world."

- d. The New Testament teaches that Jesus is coming again, and there are more than three times the number of Old Testament prophecies that speak about his Second Coming.
2. Jesus, speaking about himself, quoted from Psalm 110, as a way to prove his identity and to help the Pharisees understand who the Messiah was.
    - a. [Matthew 22:41-45](#) - *"While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 'What do you think about the Christ [Messiah]? Whose son is he?' 'The son of David,' they replied. He said to them, 'How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him "Lord"? For he says, 'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." If then David calls him, "Lord," How can he be his son?' "*
    - b. Jesus was stating that he was both a son of David, in the sense of his humanity, having descended from the line of David through his mother, Mary, and the Son of God.

### Jesus As King

3. [Psalm 110:1-3](#) - *"The LORD says to my Lord; 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.' The LORD will extend your mighty **scepter** from Zion; you will **rule** in the midst of your enemies. Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy **majesty**, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth."* (Emphasis added)
4. These words speak of a king and kingdoms, and the Bible teaches about earthly and heavenly kingdoms.
5. Every king will be deposed at some point, because they rule an earthly kingdom.
  - a. [Daniel 2:21](#) - *"[God] changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them..."*
6. [Isaiah 37:16](#) - *"O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth."*
7. [Daniel 4:17](#) - *"... the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes..."*

8. Pastor Gary said: “There are heavenly kingdoms. These are kingdoms that we cannot see. These are kingdoms that are very different, [and] there are two: there is the Kingdom of God and there’s the kingdom of Satan. There’s the Kingdom of light and there’s the kingdom of darkness.”
9. Jesus, when he stood before Pontius Pilate, just before he was crucified, stated that his kingdom was not an earthly kingdom.
  - a. [John 18:36](#) - *“Jesus said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.’ ”*
10. Pastor Gary said: “God is on the throne of heaven. The kingdom of heaven is occupied, and God is seated majestically on the throne. He is Sovereign. He is Ruler. He is Lord over all. The kingdom of God is at hand, and God is Supreme and Sovereign, ruling in the heavens. Now, at the same time, however, he has allowed - for a season - the kingdom of darkness to exist... It is a very dark kingdom. It is a wicked kingdom. It is an evil kingdom, and Satan is the prince of this kingdom.”
11. [Ephesians 2:2](#) - *“... the ruler [a reference to Satan] of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”*
12. Pastor Gary said: “There are kingdoms, and the Bible teaches that until a person comes to know Christ as his or her personal Savior - hear me on this - until that time that you receive Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you belong to the kingdom of darkness. Satan is your king. You say, ‘I don’t ever remember voting for Satan to be my king.’ You didn’t have to vote for him. You never vote for a king; you are born into a kingdom. And you and I were born into the kingdom of darkness, because we are sinners by nature, and by nature we sin... We are born by default into the kingdom of darkness... When you are born again and you receive Christ as your Savior, your citizenship is transferred to another kingdom!”
  - a. [Colossians 1:13-14](#) - *“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*
13. Eventually, every earthly kingdom will be overthrown and the kingdom of darkness will be destroyed, and at that time Jesus will be the only king and his will be the only kingdom.
14. There will be a new heaven and a new earth when the 1,000-year reign of Christ begins and we will live with the Lord forever!

15. [Revelation 11:15](#) - *“The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.’ ”*
16. [Psalm 145:13](#) - *“Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.”*
17. Jesus has the authority to be the King!
18. Pastor Gary said: “Each of us needs to ask ourselves these questions: ‘Is Jesus my king? Does Jesus rule over my life? Have I surrendered to him? Have I surrendered to his authority? Is he in charge?’ ”
19. [Revelation 19:16](#) - *“On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”*

#### Jesus As Priest

20. [Psalm 110:4](#) - *“The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind; ‘You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.’ ”*
21. Who is Melchizedek?
  - a. He is mentioned three times in the Bible: [Genesis 14](#), [Psalm 110](#), and [Hebrews 5-7](#).
  - b. In Hebrew, his name comes from the combination of two words: melek, which means, king, and zedek, which means, righteousness.
  - c. He was also the king of Salem, which is the ancient name for Jerusalem.
  - d. Melchizedek was the king of Salem and a priest of the *“most high God,”* according to [Hebrews 7:1](#) (KJV), and he is the only person - other than Jesus - about which both of these are true.
    - i. According to [2 Chronicles 26:16-21](#), King Uzziah tried to perform a priestly duty and was stricken with leprosy!
  - e. Melchizedek was a king of peace and a king of righteousness.
  - f. The Bible tells us that he had no father or mother, and therefore, no genealogy.
    - i. [Revelation 1:8](#) - *“ ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’ ”*
    - ii. [Micah 5:2](#) - *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”*

iii. **Genesis 14:18** - *"... Melchizedek brought out bread and wine [the communion elements]. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram..."*

1. In response, according to **Genesis 14:20**, Abram *"gave him a tenth [tithe] of everything."*

g. It is believed by many Bible scholars that Melchizedek was a Christophany, which basically means that he was Jesus appearing in the flesh in the Old Testament.

22. Jesus precedes the priesthood, which would not come until approximately 500 years later, when Moses' brother, Aaron, would become the first priest.

23. The purpose of the priest was the go-between/bridge, and he was to present man to God and God to man.

24. The Priesthood of Jesus superior in every way and his Priesthood precedes and supersedes any earthly priesthood.

25. Pastor Gary said: "I want you to hear me on this. And I say what I'm about to say with complete sincerity. I'm not trying to be cute or silly. But I want you Catholics, especially, to listen to me. Jesus is the only priest who can stand between a holy God and sinful humanity. He's the only one. Jesus is the only one who can atone for our sins. Jesus is the only one who can pronounce forgiveness of sins. Jesus only [, and] no priest, no vicar, no other human being can ever hear my confession and absolve me of my sins except Jesus. Jesus only! [He is the only one who] has the right to [forgive sins]. I say that with all love and respect to my Catholic friends, because that's either going to be offensive to you or that's going to be liberating, and I pray that it is liberating to you."

26. Through Jesus Christ and what he has done for us on the cross, we now have direct accessibility to God the Father!

27. **Romans 5:1-2a** - *"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand."*

28. **Hebrews 10:19-22** - *"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith..."*

## Jesus As Judge

29. **Psalm 110:5-7** - *"The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. He will drink from a brook beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head."*
30. The first time Jesus came as Savior, but when he comes again, he will come as judge.
31. **2 Timothy 4:8** - *"Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."*
32. **Acts 17:31** - *"For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him [Jesus] from the dead."*
33. **Revelation 19:11** - *"I [John] saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war."*
34. We are accountable to the Lord.
35. The question is: When you stand before Jesus, the righteous Judge, will you be found guilty or not guilty?
36. **Romans 14:10c** - *"For we will all stand before God's judgment seat."*
37. **Romans 14:12** - *"So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God."*
38. It is only by faith in Jesus Christ that we will be able to stand before God!
39. **Jude 24-25** - *"To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."*

## Discussion Questions

1. Review the introduction to the study guide with your group to provide the appropriate background.
2. Read [Psalm 110](#) to provide the foundation for this study.
3. Read and discuss Pastor Gary's comments concerning Dr. Peter Stoner. (See #1C above)
4. Provide an overview of the Scriptures and comments Pastor Gary made before discussing what it means for Jesus to be King. (See #3 through #19 above)
5. Spend time talking about Pastor Gary's remarks about two kingdoms. (See #12 above)
6. Provide an overview of the Scriptures and comments Pastor Gary made concerning Melchizedek and Jesus before discussing what it means for Jesus to be Priest. (See #20 through #28 above)
7. Spend time talking about Pastor Gary's remarks about Jesus being the only mediator between God and man, which means that we now have direct access to God because of what Jesus has done for us. (See #25 above)
8. Provide an overview of the Scriptures and comments Pastor Gary made concerning what it means for Jesus to be Judge. (See #29 through #39 above)
9. Close your time in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads.

\* Unless noted, all Scriptures quoted are from the New International Version (NIV 1984).