



Lesson 17

The Royal Psalms



Opening Thoughts

- This is the last class for this workbook on the book of Psalms
- Next semester will be a study on the book of Proverbs
- How do these books differ in structure and focus?



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- *Have you put together a prayer to read or memorize from what we have learned from this study? What is its sections?*



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- *In every instance, God is seen as the power behind the throne!*



Overview

- God's intent was to always have His nation ruled (by a king) in justice and righteousness
 - *Himself as King => RESISTED / REJECTED*
 - *His chosen and anointed (man) as King => FRAIL / WEAK / FAILING*
 - *His Son, the Savior as King (Messiah means "The Anointed One") => IDEAL / PERFECT*



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 - They were chosen, “anointed,” and placed in power by God
 - He is the one who prays or the one who is spoken of, or who is prayed for
 - They prefigured the role of Jesus as “mediator” between God and men



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 - He heard my voice out of His temple
 - Then the earth shook and trembled... Because He was angry.
 - He delivered me from my strong enemy, For they were too strong for me.
 - For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks.
 - As for God, His way is perfect; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.
 - He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places.
 - You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip.
 - You have made me the head of the nations; people I have not known shall serve me.
 - Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed.



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- Matthew 22:43-45 (also Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44)
- Jesus asks how David could call one of his offspring “Lord”
- In doing so, he points back to Psalm 110:1
- *Scripture used by Jesus to stump the Pharisees*



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- Reference also is made in the psalm to King Melchizedek, a contemporary of Abraham, who is described as a priest “forever”
- Hebrews 5 quotes Psalm 110 and applies it to Jesus
- *Scripture used by the Hebrew writer, referring to Jesus’ priesthood*



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- Peter used this psalm in his Pentecost sermon to identify Jesus as the Messiah of prophecy (Acts 2:34)
- *Scripture used by Peter, referring to Jesus as the Messiah*



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- Paul uses the psalm to look forward to the conquest of all enemies under the Christ (1 Cor. 15:25)
 - *Scripture used by Paul, referring to Jesus as the Christ, the one who will achieve peace by defeating all enemies of righteousness*



Backup Slides



Question 5

- Reading carefully Psalm 45, list the reasons you believe the psalm to be speaking of either
 - (a) a human king; or
 - (b) Jesus, the Messiah



Question 8

- From Psalm 72, what linkage do you see between righteousness and peace?