

Psalm 110
POT— Christ, Part 3
Prophet, Priest, King

The threefold office has long been recognized as a summary of Christ work. The OT anticipated these offices, and Jesus fulfills each one perfectly.

Jesus is the perfect prophet.

- a prophet ultimately reveals God to the people
- He speaks God's Word, calls people to repentance, and pointed forward to the coming Messiah.
- Deuteronomy 8:15-19— Moses foretold that God would raise up a prophet like him, and the people must listen to Him.
- Acts 3:22-23— Peter identifies Jesus as the prophet Moses promised
- Hebrews 1 tells us that God has spoken finally through His Son, Jesus, the Christ
- It's Christ who speaks. If you want to know God, it's through Christ
- He is the better word

Psalm 110 speaks of the other 2 offices... King and Priest

1. Jesus is the Exalted King (1)

- Matthew 22:41-44
- Jesus descended, lived, died, then ascended to the Father's right hand
- He went to heaven and had accomplished his task (sitting)
- **Hebrews 1:3-4— He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**
- **Philippians 2:5-11— Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,[c] being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**
- **Hebrews 10:12-14— But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.**
- until— indicates he will get up again
- "I make your enemies your footstool"
 - This is king/kingdom language
 - Jesus is the King of kings
 - He came and inaugurated a kingdom
 - We are saved and transferred into His kingdom
 - **Colossians 1:13-14— He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins**

2. Jesus is expanding His kingdom (2-3)

- this is the Church
- “Rule in the midst of enemies” — for now
- His kingdom is an “already, not yet” kingdom
- His kingdom is advanced through the preaching of the gospel (Acts)
- “Offer themselves freely”
 - Have you?
 - Are you about advancing the kingdom?

3. Jesus is the eternal high priest (4)

- God makes an oath to the Son
- “You are a priest after the order of Melchizedek (Genesis 14)
 - King of Salem and Priest of the Most High God
 - King of “Peace”
- Levitical priest died and they had to make sacrifice for their own sin before others
- In this Psalm we see a uniting of these two offices (king, priest)
- **Hebrews 5,7,8** (new covenant)
- His priesthood is eternal, his sacrifice is final, and intercession never ends
- You never need another priest, you have direct access to God through Christ
- **Hebrews 4:14-16— Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**
- We have forgiveness, direct access to God, and he is continually interceding for us

4. Jesus will return in victory (5-7)

- these verses speak to a future victory
- When the “not yet” is erased
- Shatter kings, judge nations, filling the earth with justice
- Judge

As King, He rules. As priest, he reconciles sinners to God. As Judge, He will return and establish perfect justice

We need a prophet because we are ignorant of God. He reveals the Father and speaks God’s final and better Word.

We need a priest because we are guilty before God. He offers Himself for our sins and represents us before God.

We need a king because we are enslaved to our sin. He defeats our sin and transfers us into His kingdom where He rules, rescues, and redeems.

As prophet, He comes to us from God.

As priest, He goes to God for us.

As King, He sits at the Father’s right hand and rules over us

