

Sermon Title: The Coming King

Sermon Series: The Psalms of David: In Pursuit of God's Heart

Sermon Text: Psalm 110

Sermon-Based Discussion

INTRODUCTION

God has a very clear picture of what the future looks like for His Son, Jesus. He will make Him a Priest-King after the order of Melchizedek and because of this the writer of The Epistle to the Hebrews says that we have a much better covenant. In this study we'll see if it is worth it to make God's vision of the future our own and what that would mean for our lives today.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of your dreams for your future? What do you hope to accomplish, to gain, to become, to do?

READ PSALM 110

2. What significance is there to the fact that the psalm begins in the Hebrew with "Thus says the LORD," a phrase used by every prophet in the Old Testament whenever they delivered a prophesy. (A hint – if prophesies in the Old Testament were not used to foretell the future, then what were they used for?)
3. Read v. 3. How do God's people respond to the prophesy that God will make the Messiah the absolute ruler of the world?
4. Who was Melchizedek? Why is it so important for Jesus to be a priest after the order of Melchizedek and not after the order of Levi? (Check out Gen. 14 for the story of Melchizedek and Heb. 4:14-5:9; 7:1-10:18 for the significance)

GOING DEEPER

Are you as convinced as David is that what God has sworn to do He will do that you are willing to give Him the best of your best? If yes, what indications of this conviction are there in the way you are living your life now? If not, how has God shown Himself to not come through on His promises?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

If you are not a Christian, is there something about the way God will dispense His judgment of non-Christians that disturbs you? What would help you see that God's promises are true? If you are a Christian, what are some of the ways you can practice your priestly duties of creating a holy environment at home, at work, at play in a way that further establishes God's reign in the places where you live and work?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

For it is declared: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever.'" Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. (Hebrews 7:17-22)