

Jesus the Christ

Ps. 110

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Illustration about Helen Keller, *Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations*, #6051.
 - 1. What a blessing it is to know about Jesus and his love for us.
 - 2. In this psalm, David tells us about Jesus—READ TEXT.
- B. There is much discussion as to the meaning of this psalm.
 - 1. Some say this psalm applies to David and the Davidic kings.
 - 2. This simply cannot be, for the New Testament applies this psalm to Jesus.
 - a. Mt. 22:41-46.
 - b. Acts 2:34-36.
 - 3. This morning, we want to examine this psalm and see how it applies to Jesus.

HE IS GOD, v. 1.

- A. The persons: The Father refers to his Son as "Lord."
 - 1. The word "said" here is a technical term frequently used in the prophets to indicate that God had given the revelation the prophet was about to reveal.
 - a. The Lord had given David this prophetic utterance.
 - b. David is here acting as a prophet and speaking concerning the Messiah.
 - 2. The Father refers to the Son as "Lord" clearly meaning that the Messiah would be God.
 - a. Is 9:6.
 - b. Jn 1:1.
 - 3. The Father also tells the Son to sit at his right hand.
 - a. The right hand of a king is the highest place of honor; Solomon sat Bathsheba at his right hand to show her honor (1 Ki. 2:19).
 - b. Jesus has the highest place of honor next to the Father himself.
- B. The promise: The Father assures the Son that his enemies will be humbled.
 - 1. The Father promises the Son that he would make his enemies his footstool.
 - 2. This is an Ancient Near Eastern metaphor for absolute control.
 - a. Originally, the victor in battle would place his feet on the necks of those he defeated.
 - b. From this practice arose this idiom of making one's enemies his footstool.
 - 3. Jesus would be elevated--his enemies would be his footstool; he is God.

HE IS KING, vv. 2-3.

- A. The place of his reign (110:2): It will extend from Jerusalem.
 - 1. David says the LORD would send the rod of his strength out of Zion; in other words he will reign in Jerusalem, Zion.
 - 2. Some would teach that this refers to some future reign.
 - a. They believe that Jesus is going to return to the earth and establish a kingdom over which he will reign a thousand years.
 - b. The place of his reign will be Jerusalem.
 - c. However, the Bible doesn't teach this.
 - 3. What this verse means is that Jesus' reign as king would begin in Jerusalem and would branch out from there.
 - a. Other passages teach that the Lord's reign would begin in Jerusalem.
 - 1) Is 2:3.
 - 2) Acts 1:8.

- a. Rm 14:10.
 - b. 2 Tm 4:1.
2. This means that each one of us will stand before Christ to be judged. Are you ready for that day?