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## Lent Day 10: The King

3-4 minutes

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### Psalm 110 (ESV)

*The Lord says to my Lord:*

*“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”*

*The Lord sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.*

*Rule in the midst of your enemies!*

*Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,*

*in holy garments;*

*from the womb of the morning,*

*the dew of your youth will be yours.*

*The Lord has sworn*

*and will not change his mind,*

*“You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek.”*

*The Lord is at your right hand;*

*he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.*

*He will execute judgment among the nations,  
filling them with corpses;*

*he will shatter chiefs*

*over the wide earth.*

*He will drink from the brook by the way;*

*therefore he will lift up his head.*

People think of Jesus in many ways. Perhaps two of the most common is that he is a wise teacher or a great example. But this passage, which is the most cited in the New Testament, tells us of two of Jesus' roles — priest and king.

The king in Psalm 110 is unequalled in power and might. He sits at God's right hand in the place of highest authority. He is guaranteed victory over his adversaries and he rules his people in such a way that they freely follow him. He crushes opposing kings and executes judgment among the nations. He is exalted and has sure victory over all his enemies.

When Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, God restored him to his original place at his right hand. His resurrection was both a vindication of his status as the Son of God and his enthronement as the rightful king over creation. He defeated the power of sin and death and he presently reigns as king. This means that Jesus has the power and authority to protect us from all evil and wickedness and that he deserves our complete allegiance and loyalty.

This psalm also tells us that Jesus is a priestly king. Priests offer sacrifices and prayers on behalf of their people. But Jesus is a permanent priest in the order of Melchizedek, who was greater than all other priests. Jesus offered himself as a perfect sacrifice for our sin and he continually intercedes for us. He clothes us in holy garments, so that through him, we can draw near to God.

## **Prayer**

*Father, thank you that you have raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at your right hand, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. Help us to trust in him daily as our priest and king. In Christ's Name, Amen.*

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