

**=Story Behind the Psalm=
Psalms 110**

NOTE: *These lessons are designed simply as a guideline. As a Sunday School teacher part of your job is to study the lesson and develop it for the pupils in your class according to their age and spiritual development.*

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The Story Behind the Psalm

Though we do not know exactly the circumstances surrounding its writing, we do know that it is perhaps the most important of the Psalms. Martin Luther said that it is worthy to be overlaid with precious jewels. It has been called "the crown of all the Psalms," "the sun of our faith," and "the treasure of Holy Writ." It is amazing how this Psalm reaches out and embraces almost every doctrine of the Bible. It starts off with the trinity, "The Lord said unto my Lord." We have the incarnation of Christ in the words, "my Lord." In fact, Jesus Himself expounds this in Matthew 22:42 and 45. We have the sufferings of Christ in verse 4 to offer Himself once and for all and to drink of the "brook in the way." We have the completed work of Christ in a victory over all His enemies. We have His resurrection in the words, "He shall lift up the head." We have the ascension and intercession in the words, "Sit Thou at My right hand." We have the resurrection of the body in the words, "subdue all enemies under His feet until the last enemy to be destroyed is death." His priesthood is mentioned in the words, "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek," and we even have the fact that Jesus sits on the right hand of God.

The Way It Was Used by God's People

It was used in looking for the coming Messiah and especially in studying for His coming.

Lesson:

1. This psalm talks about looking for the coming Messiah.

In David's time, no one knew when our Lord Jesus would come. So what they did was that they had prophets, like Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, David, and others to prophesies the future destruction, blessing and the coming messiah. But, notice what all these men did. They all were looking for something good. They all were looking for something better, and that person was Jesus the Christ.

2. We need to be waiting.

Unlike the prophets of old, instead of looking for the messiah. Now we need to wait for the Lord's return. But, we don't just sit down and wait, like at the dentist office. No, No, No, we need to go and work and do the Lord's work, and hold a good testimony.

It's sad that the average Christian doesn't do anything for God, except for coming on a Sunday morning and sit down and take up space. We need to stand up and go about the Lord's business and wait that way.

3. We need to follow our examples.

Since we already had our Savior come, we need to follow Him. God wants us to live a life that is Christ-like. That's what the name Christian originally came from.

God wants us to follow our pastor, our youth pastor, Sunday school teachers, our workers, and every one that has a position at the church and at home. It's too often that in this society that we know everything, and in doing so, we don't listen to wise counsel.

There's three kinds of men:

A fool: the man that continues to make a mistake and doesn't learn from it and continues to go down that same path, and continues to mess up

The smart: the man that messes up and learns from his mistake and doesn't do it again.

The wise: the man that waits, and watches others fall and he stays away from that mistake.

Notice that the wise man waited.

Memory Verse: *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies*

thy footstool. Psalm 110:1