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From Hence Forth Expecting

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PSALM 110: 1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. 3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. 5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. 6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries. 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

In the beginning of this Psalm we find a prophecy that has tremendous significance in the light of that which God is revealing by His Spirit, concerning His marvelous plan and purpose for the Church of Jesus Christ. This Scripture has been almost completely overlooked by students of prophecy. The reasons are quite evident. In the first place, the clear teaching given here cuts directly across traditional doctrine. That being the case, it is of course thought best to just leave this Scripture alone. And, in the second place, they did not have sufficient revelation to comprehend its import. But, praise God, more and more He is giving to the Church “the Spirit of wisdom and revelation” so that we might “know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of *His* in heritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power *to usward who believe.*” (Eph. 1: 17-19). And as God’s plan unfolds before us, our Scripture fits perfectly into that plan.

Before we examine further the prophecy before us, let us first observe that although the Church, for the reasons mentioned, in time past has not given an important place to this scripture, yet New Testament writers, under the

inspiration of the Spirit, have set forth its importance. Three times it is cited in the Gospels, once in Acts, once in 1 Corinthians, and twice in Hebrews.

Now let us study four of these references in their context, in order to get as complete a picture as possible, with the enabling of the Spirit, of the important teaching revealed by means of this prophecy.

In Psalm 110:1 David tells us that “The Lord said unto my Lord”, that is, “God the Father said unto His Son Jesus”, “sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.” In order to help our understanding of this verse, let us now examine this prophecy as quoted in Hebrews 10:12-14- “But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” This passage teaches us two things concerning the work of Jesus. Concerning His redemptive work to produce salvation for all mankind, this work was finished when He offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. It was a once-for-all perfect, eternal work. His work on Calvary’s cross is sufficient for time and eternity. That is why Jesus could say, as He hung on the cross, “It is finished.”

Christians in general have understood well this first truth that we are presenting. But they have completely failed to understand the second truth, that Jesus, when He finished His redemptive work here on the earth, finished *all* the work the Father gave Him to do, even as Jesus said in His prayer for His Church, “I have glorified thee on the earth: *I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.*” Traditional teaching would tell us that Jesus must come back to earth in order to finish His work, of judging the world, perfecting the Church, overthrowing Satan and His Kingdom, and bringing in His own kingdom. But such teaching prevails for lack of understanding of the mission of the Church.

Verse 12 of Hebrews 10 states that Jesus, after completing His work, and on ascending, “sat down on the

right hand of God.” We must not think in the physical, or we will miss completely that which is revealed here. Our God is not a physical God, but is omnipresent Spirit, who fills the whole universe. That being the case, He has neither a “right hand”, nor a physical throne. Therefore, when Scripture tells us that Jesus sat down on the right hand of God, it is proclaiming that spiritual place of equal authority and power with the Father, given to Jesus in His ascension. Paul, in Ephesians, tells us what that position given to Jesus is – “and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.” And Jesus Himself reveals that He and the Father are now reigning together – “I also overcome, and am set down with my Father in His throne.” (Rev. 3:21)

A vital question now arises. If Jesus is now reigning together with His Father, and is to return physically to this earth to receive His own, *when* will He return? At any moment, as is generally believed? What saith the Scripture? Jesus “sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting TILL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE HIS FOOT-STOOL.” This is the plain enough language. Jesus is waiting until this Scripture be fulfilled. If He comes back before the fulfillment to this prophecy, then Scripture would be broken. Jesus is going to wait at the right hand of the Father *UNTILL* His enemies are made His Foot-stool. In order to understand clearly what this means, let us list some of the enemies of Jesus.

(1) 1 Cor. 15:25-26- “For he must reign, till he hath put *all* enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” DEATH is an enemy that must be destroyed, and therefore

(2) SIN and

(3) SICKNESS, which are the causes of death, are also enemies that shall be conquered and put at Jesus’ feet before His visible coming.

(4) Matt. 13:39 – “The enemy that sowed them is the devil.” SATAN, of course, is also an enemy of Jesus.

(5) Gal. 5:17 – “For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are *contrary* to one to the other” - the FLESH is also the enemy of Jesus.

(6) James 4:4 – “the friendship of the world is enmity with God.” This *WORLD SYSTEM*, controlled by Satan and his demons, is also an enemy of Jesus.

If SIN, SICKNESS, DEATH, SATAN, the FLESH, and the *WORLD SYSTEM* are to be made the footstool of Jesus, and He is waiting until these enemies be conquered before He returns then how will they be conquered, and by whom? The obvious answer, simply supported by the Word, is that this is the task of the Church of Jesus Christ. Let us note several Scriptures which relate to this.

Jesus said, “Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matt 16:18) Once when brother Fife was casting out demons, he quoted the above verse to one of the demons, and the demon replied, “most people don’t know what that means”. How true! What is Jesus setting forth in this verse? That His church will be a victorious Church, that will come against Satan and His kingdom, and overthrow it? Jesus did not say, “I will build my church; and the gates of hell not prevail against ME”. Yet that is the common understanding of this prophecy – that Jesus is coming back to overcome all enemies, and the gates of hell. What does the verse teach? That it is the Church of Jesus Christ that will be all conquering. Hallelujah! Is this the state of the present Church? Of course not. But, praise God, He is raising up His victorious army.

In Rev. 19:7, we read, “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY”. What a jolt this gives to the general teaching that Jesus may come at any moment – for a Church that is carnal, worldly, defeated, unprepared. No! He will come, not in order to prepare the

Church, but rather for *a Church already prepared*. What preparation is necessary? Verse 8 says, “And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: *for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints*”. The Church is not going to receive righteousness and holiness when Jesus comes back. That is the preparation necessary for the Church before Jesus can ever come back. Without holiness *no man* shall see the lord.

Eph. 5:27 tells us that Jesus is coming for “a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such things; but that it should be holy and without blemish”. Hallelujah! Jesus will come for a victorious, holy, prepared, perfected Church. How will this be accomplished?

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelist; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”(Eph. 4:11-13) “And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.” (1 Cor. 12:28) That is why God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh, restoring the 5-fold ministry to the Church, and the supernatural gifts and operation of the Spirit. For these are God’s means to accomplish His work and through the Church.

Let us now look at another passage which makes reference to our text. In Acts 2 Peter is preaching to the multitude gathered at Jerusalem, and explaining to them that the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost was the work of the resurrected Christ – “Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.” (Acts 2:33) Jesus had sent the other Comforter, even as he had promised. Then Peter Declares, “For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The lord said

unto my lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool.” Peter, under the anointing of the Spirit, establishes a distinct relationship between the Spirit’s being outpoured, and this prophecy. Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, waiting until all His foes are conquered. This is the mission of the Church. What provision has been made to enable the church to fulfill its mission? The Holy Ghost had been poured out. “Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the lord of Hosts.”

In Heb. 1: 13, 14 we read, “But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy foot-stool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” Here we see that angels have their ministry of helping the Church in its mission. They serve and strengthen us, and war in the heavenlies against Satan and his demon Spirits.

(Dan. 10; Rev. 12).

1 Cor. 15; 22-26 – “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at His coming. Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. FOR HE MUST REIGN, till HE hath put all enemies under His feet.” Here we have a seeming contradiction. Our other Scriptures say that Jesus will wait at the right hand of God until all His enemies are put under His feet. Here we are told that Jesus Himself will put all enemies under His Feet. How can these verses be reconciled? Very simply, Jesus *must reign*, not by His physical return to put everything under His feet, but as He reigns *in His Church*, in the hearts of believers empowered by the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah! That’s why Paul prays in Ephesians 1:19-23 that the believers might know “what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the

dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places. For above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.”

In conclusion, let us return to Psalm 110, where the initial prophecy is given. Jesus is waiting, at the right hand of the Father, until the Church, operating the five supernatural ministries and the gifts of the Spirit under the anointing of the Spirit, performs its task. Verse two says, “The Lord shall send the *rod* of thy strength out of *Zion*: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.” The rod, the Name of Jesus, which speaks to us spiritually of the Nature of Jesus, will be sent from Spiritual Zion – the church, in order to fulfill this prophecy.

Verse 3 – “Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness.” We are living in that day when Jesus is pouring out His Spirit mightily, upon all flesh – in the day of His power. He is looking for, and finding, a willing people through whom He can work to put all things under His feet. Rise up, Church of the living God. Hold back no longer. The hour has come to take the kingdom, that God might rule in the midst of His enemies, and rule in the midst of His Church, that the beauties of holiness might be manifest in us, and to all the world. Amen!