

The Priest-King

Psalm 110

“But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” Matthew 24:13

“And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And the gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to the nations, and then the end will come.”
Matthew 24:12-14

“We want great men who, when fortune frowns, will not be discouraged. I have always said it is misfortunes that will raise us to the character of a great people.” Henry Knox

“Perseverance accomplished what at first seemed impossible.” Henry Knox

Your perseverance depends on Christ’s power and not your own.

The answer to the struggles of persevering in your faith is not by looking in the mirror but by looking into heaven and seeing the King who ever lives and pleads for you.

“And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” Hebrews 6:11

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”
Hebrews 6:19-20

“This is a very precious truth: that God himself is committed to keeping his own sheep and not letting them forsake him utterly. They may stray for a season. But he will bring them back. Clouds may gather and faith may falter, but those who are justified will not stumble so as to fall utterly. They will persevere in faith. Our hope for glorification is not in our own willpower to believe. It is in God's faithfulness that he who began a good work in us will complete it unto the day of Christ (Philippians 1:6).” John Piper

The way to persevere in your faith is to look to the only One who can preserve us in this life and for all eternity to the praise of the glory of His grace, King Jesus – the priest King who ever lives to intercede for us.

I. The Ground of our Confidence: Yahweh's Word to Jesus.

Psalm 110:1

"The LORD (Yahweh) says to my Lord (Adonai): 'Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" Psalm 110:1

The starting point for our perseverance in the faith is God's covenantal promise to His Son: Yahweh will reward Adonai with a throne forever where his enemies are made subject to Him.

"How is it that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The LORD said to my Lord, "'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet?'" If then David calls him Lord, how is He his son?" Jesus in Matthew 22:42-44

God's promise is to not only give Jesus the highest place but to bring an end to all sin and rebellion against King Jesus.

II. The Second Ground of our Confidence: Yahweh's Work for Jesus.

Psalm 110:2-3

"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."of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours."

Psalm 110:2-3

It is not the degree of hostility that decides the advancement of Christ's kingdom but the degree of Yahweh's determination to establish Jesus' reign in the midst of his enemies.

"I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

Jesus in Matthew 16:18

It is not our determination to be willing to serve to the end that ensures our perseverance. It is Yahweh's determination to make us willing to persevere to the end for Jesus' sake that gives us confidence.

"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."

Psalm 110:3

"What an honor, a blessing, and a privilege. I never want to take these moments for granted. In a week where my faith was tried, my peace wavered, and the weight of the world began to

descend, God was beyond gracious. 'Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!' " Sydney McLaughlin, gold medalist in women's 400 meter hurdles

"And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, 'We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men.'" Acts 5:27-29

"I thank him **who has given me strength**, Christ Jesus our Lord...To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." 1 Timothy 1:12,17

"... who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1:5

III. The Third Ground of our Confidence: Yahweh's Oath to Jesus.

Psalm 110:4

"The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Psalm 110:4

Yahweh swears an oath that Jesus has the authority and power to save His people unto the uttermost. He does that to encourage us to hold on to that hope.

"The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 6:17-18

- He has a Superior Name: King of Righteousness and King of Peace

"He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also King of Salem, that is, King of peace..." Hebrews 7:2

- He Has A Superior Authority: He Grants the Blessing of God

"See how great this man was to whom Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils... But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior." Hebrews 7:4-7

- He Has A Superior Capacity to Save: He Can Save Us to the Uttermost

“But he holds his priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:24-25

IV. The Fourth Ground of our Confidence: Yahweh’s Oath to Us. Psalm 110:5-7

“The Lord (Adonai) is at your right hand; He will shatter kings in 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.”

“Our great high priest is not a wimpy or weak priest. He is a Warrior Lamb! The playground bullies of the world, both spiritual and physical, meet more than their match in this “divine warrior.” His sitting at God’s right hand (v. 5) should strike terror in his enemies and bring joy to his people... While this King-Priest is an advocate for all who follow him, he is a deadly adversary to all who oppose him.” Danny Akin