

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church
Title: GHOSTWRITER OF HEBREWS

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Main Text: Ps 110 and Hebrews overview

Sermon Description: Although the author of Hebrews remains anonymous to the modern reader, its "ghostwriter" does not. The Holy Spirit's signature is all over this magnum opus. There is also the stunning influence of Ps 110 as if the Psalmist cowrote Hebrews. Some textual scholars have proposed that the book of Hebrews could well be a sermon where the preacher takes as his text, Psalm 110. Given the 13 references to Ps 110 throughout the book, this hypothesis becomes believable. Greater still is the probability of this claim when one considers the outline Psalm 110 provides for the entire book. Even more emphasis on the importance of Psalm 110, to the New Testament generally, is seen when considering its 13 references in other N.T. Books (Mk 12:35, 14:62, 16:19 for example). In Hebrews, our author alludes to Ps 110 six times with reference to the ascension and 7 times with reference to the priestly work of Christ. Thus Christ the King/Priest of the Melchizedek order is gloriously manifest from cover to cover.

HEADING: PS 110 AND HEBREWS SHARE THE FOLLOWING THEMES...

1. The Ascendency and Authority of Christ's Kingdom – Ps 110:1-2

a. Meaning of ascension (Heb 1:3,13, 8:1, 10:12-13, 12:2) b. Meaning of subjection (Heb 2:8-14, I Pet 3:22)

2. The Posture of Covenant Affirmation – Ps 110:3

a. Heb application via warning (3:1, 7-11, 4:11) b. Heb application via means (4:14-16)

3. The Nature and Fulfillment of Melchizedek Priesthood – Ps 110:4

a. Order (5:1,7:1-3,7:13-28) b. Covenant (8:6-7,13) c. Tabernacle (9:8-12) d. Sacrifice (9:13-14,26,10:9-10,12-14)

4. The Consideration of Divine Justice – Ps 110:5-6

a. Warning for the interim visible church (2:1-3, 10:26-31) b. Last kingdom standing (12:22-29)

5. Gospel Sealed Benediction – Ps 110:7 (Heb 13:20-21)

Close: The lone remaining feast in the New Covenant is a dramatization of these themes for our tangible benefit today. May we remember and proclaim the priestly order, covenant, tabernacle, and sacrifice assured us in Christ's body and blood as we partake in communion.



FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme: Ascension	Theme: Subjection	Theme: Affirmation	Theme: Melchizedek	Theme: Justice	Theme: Benediction
Verses: Ps 110:1-2,Hb 1:1-3	Verses: Ps 110:2, Hb 7:8-14	Verses: Ps 110:3,Hb 4:14-16	Verses: Ps 110:4,Hb 7:1-3,15-17	Verses: Ps 110:5-6,Hb 12:22-29	Verses: Ps 110:7,Hb 13:20-21