

I ¶ <<A Psalm of David.>> *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (Psalm 110)*

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Object of our faith. All our confidence for the present, and all our hope for the future, is fixed upon His Person. Here, then, is strong encouragement that our faith is well placed.

He is seated at the right hand of the Almighty. The “right hand” signifies the position of highest favor. Whoever occupies this place has immediate access to infinite omnipotence. Nothing shall be denied him. His first act upon reaching this exaltation was to fulfil the promise of the Father, in pouring out the Holy Spirit upon His called people at Pentecost (Acts 2:33). The continued outpouring of His Spirit upon His people today, and the Spirit’s abiding with them, is our constant reminder and assurance that God has made this Jesus of Nazareth, Lord, Christ, and King. Not only did He pour out the Spirit (which is the earnest, the guarantee, and foretaste of our eternal possession); but He, being the Heir, is now in possession of the entire eternal inheritance. Life, abundant and eternal, is in His Hand. He may freely give it to whomever He will. So we may be confident that His assurance that “He who believes in Me shall never perish” rests on rock solid grounds (Hebrews 9:12).

He is *seated, set down*. We may well meditate upon the imagery here in three fundamental senses: We usually do not rest, do not take a place of repose, until we have finished our work. In fact, when one takes his seat, it is indicative of the fact that his work is done. This is vividly expressed in Hebrews 1:3: “**when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.**” The work of redemption is eternally finished, complete. Nothing is left for man or angels to do. If God is satisfied in it, and the Son has signaled His cessation from His labors, then we ought to also rest in that wonderful reality.

Seats are centers of authority and power, principally those of government. Thus, we have county seats, seats in congress, in legislatures, in courts, for which men vie and struggle. But once they have won the seat, they are in possession of all the authority and privileges assigned to the seat. Our Lord now occupies the highest seat in the government of the Almighty.

Becoming seated also has the idea of being firmly fixed in status and station. Our Lord’s work is finished. His suffering and humiliation are over. He has faithfully and perfectly discharged His assignment. He has won His seat and taken it. “**The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.**” (vs. 4). His seat has rendered Him the King-Priest forever. The term of His office will never expire. He has *settled* in it, and we, too, may rest in that certainty. We have a Mediator Who will render us sinless and perfect, without fault or blame forever, and a King Who will guide, defend, feed and comfort us endlessly.

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