THE KING WHO SITS DOWN

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WORLDVIEW SEGMENT

The Empire Is Gone. The King Still Reigns.

1 Chronicles 12:32: "...the sons of Issachar... had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do..." Followers of Christ should be among the most informed people on the planet: informed to pray, empowered to act. And revival does not require an election.

Picture Jerusalem. Pontius Pilate, governor of the most powerful empire in the Mediterranean world, is interrogating a man with no army, no office, and no throne. By every visible measure, Jesus looks powerless. But the man sitting in judgment holds delegated authority, and the man standing before him holds divine authority. Pilate says he has power to crucify or release. Jesus answers: "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above" (John 19:10–11).

Pilate's authority was temporary. Christ's authority is eternal. So, we are not called to retreat into silence. We are called to speak truth, practice righteousness, defend the vulnerable, love our neighbors, and stand firm when obedience becomes costly. To every earthly ruler, remember: **the empire is gone. The King still reigns.**

DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 110:1–7 | Also: Hebrews 10:11–12; Ephesians 2:5–6

Key Verse (Psalm 110:1, NKJV): *"The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"*

A STORY TO START

It is Thanksgiving. Mama has been up since four. The whole family is finally at the table, heads bowed, and somebody's uncle prays long enough to cover the Middle East and a cousin's knee surgery. Amen. Everybody sits. Everybody except Mama. She is holding a gravy boat like a border guard: "Does anybody need tea? Is the dressing too dry?" She will not sit, because as long as there is one more thing to do, she cannot. And you and I both know the work is never done. Now imagine a kitchen where that was true for fifteen hundred years.

REFLECTION

1. He Sits

Jerusalem's temple was the biggest kitchen in the world: knives, basins, altars, and lambs by the thousand, morning and evening. The priests stood, day after day, because the work was never finished. The rabbis record that no one sat in that courtyard except the kings of David's house. Then Psalm 110 lets us overhear heaven. The Father speaks to the one David calls "my Lord" and says the one word no priest ever heard: "Sit." On a Friday afternoon Jesus cried out a word that means "paid in full," the word stamped across a debt that can never be collected again. Then He offered one sacrifice for sins forever and sat down. And Paul says He seated us with Him. We do not sit because the battles are over. We sit because our position in Christ is secure.

> BIG TAKEAWAY **The work is finished, and you were seated before you were tired.**

2. He Swears

God relents about many things. He relented over a city that repented and gave a king fifteen more years. But in verse four, "the LORD has sworn and will not relent": You are a priest forever. Of everything God could have locked down by oath, He chose a priest, which tells us where He anchored His mercy. Jesus has an indestructible life and always lives to intercede for you. Your security does not rest on your grip. It rests

on His oath. And that oath produces a people described in verse three: volunteers, willing like dew at dawn, quiet, countless, and unforced. Wherever dew lands, dry ground turns green.

> BIG TAKEAWAY **An unbreakable oath makes willing people, so stop bargaining and start offering.**

3. He Drinks

Verses five and six are hard, but a God who never judges, is not love. He is indifference. The church has not been given the sword, so we hand our enemies to the Judge who can carry what we cannot. Then the psalm ends quietly: a thirsty king bends down to drink from a brook beside the road. Follow that water. On the night He was betrayed, Jesus crossed the winter brook of the Kidron into a garden, where He drank the cup of wrath meant for us, every drop. Then comes the little word in verse seven: "Therefore He shall lift up the head." Because He drank, He was lifted. Because He drank first, you can lift your head too.

> BIG TAKEAWAY **The way to a lifted head goes through the brook, not around it. He drank first.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are the King who sat down because the work was finished. Teach me to rest where You have seated me. Hold me by Your unbreakable oath, and make me a willing offering, like dew in the morning. When I come to the brook on my road, help me drink in faith, knowing You drank first. I give You the ones I have been carrying, and I receive Your peace. In Your name I pray. Amen.

ACTION STEPS

- **Take the Seat (Grow in Grace).** Every day this week, give God ten minutes. Find a chair, put your phone in another room, and set a glass of water beside you. Sit and say out loud: "It is finished. I am seated with Christ."
- **Be Dew (Gather in Community).** Dew never falls alone. Volunteer for one place of service this week and invite one person to come with you.
- **Open Your Hand (Give Generously).** Within forty-eight hours, put a freewill offering in your hand and give it to someone in need or to the work of this church.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Where am I still standing in a battle that Jesus has already won?
- What am I gripping that I need to open my hand and offer?
- What brook am I standing in, and whom do I need to hand over to the Judge?

NOTES AND JOURNALING