Clips from Psalms

Psalms 116:14-16
Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death

"14 I will pay my vows unto Jehovah, Yea, in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saints. 16 O Jehovah, truly I am your servant: I am your servant the son handmaid; you have loosed my bonds."*

How Does David call the Christ "Lord" if he is his "son?"

Matthew tells us that the Pharisees had gathered to put Jesus to the test because the Sadducees had failed in their efforts to discredit Jesus as the Christ (see Matthew 22:34). The objective is to catch Jesus in some inconsistency or to pit him against either Moses or the Roman government. The efforts of the Sadducees and Pharisees; however, has only wowed the listening people as they hear Jesus’ answers to their questions. Now it is Jesus’ turn to ask the questions. Matthew records:

"41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. 43 He said unto them, How then does David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying, 44 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit on my right hand, Till I put your enemies underneath your feet? 45 If David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" (Matthew 22:41-45)

Just two days before this conversation the multitudes were shouting Hosanna to the son of David as Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The proclamation of Jesus as Christ caused indignation with the chief priests and elders (see Matthew 21:15). Jesus exposes both the Pharisees hardened hearts against him and their ignorance of the scriptures by asking them a question about the association between the Christ and David. Jesus quotes from Psalms 110:1 and then asks the Pharisees how it could be that the Christ is David’s son while the king calls him “Lord.”
**Local News**

Welcome to all Our Visitors. It is our prayer that you will be edified by our worship service today. If you have any questions regarding what we teach or practice please be our friend and talk with us.

Estelle Sims has been placed in Hospice care and is not expected to recover. Please keep Estelle and her family in your prayers.

Robert Norris is in the United Regional Hospital room 453 at the time of this writing. Robert is suffering from congestive heart failure and is fighting off fluid in his lungs.

Keep Nina Gray in your prayers as she continues to seek out answers to her sinus and allergy issues.

Remember our Shut ins

Stella Davidson is home with her daughter.

Consider the application of Psalms 110 for greater understanding of how and why Jesus is asking this question to the Pharisees. God has fulfilled his promises made to his beloved Son in the unseen world of timelessness in eternity. Jesus would be raised from the dead, ascend into heaven, and sit at the right hand of his Father reigning over all the universe of mankind. The Pharisees; however, do not believe this about Jesus. There is a great conflict in this universal reign of the Christ because, like the Pharisees, not all men will be voluntarily subject to his reign. Satan heads a rebellious insurrection against Christ's divine authority. The devil uses powerful weapons of worldliness, false religion, persecution, and tribulation to win souls to his side. The rebellion; however, will never succeed in any generation. Jesus will reign victoriously for all eternity. There is a class of men and women within every generation that will take up the arms of truth and side with the Christ king. God has always known that certain men would be Christ like and certain others would be like their father the devil (see Romans 8:28-30; 11:1-5 and John 8:44). Every individual of every generation of men must answer the following questions. Who will you serve in this life? Will you rebel against the king that is over all creation or will you bow your knee in subjection? Do you want to go to heaven or hell?

Jesus knew that the unbelieving Pharisees would not know the answer to his question because their hearts were hardened against him. Over and over Jesus exposes the true ignorance of the Pharisees in relationship to God's divine revelation. David, like Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), Abraham (John 8:5-6), the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (John 4), the woman caught in adultery (John 8:11), the nobleman of John 4, the centurion of Matthew 8, Nicodemus (John 3) and so many others such as the apostles displayed a spirit that desired to see Jesus and when they saw him they believed. These men and women of faith saw what the unbelieving Pharisees could not see because they were blinded by prejudices and preconceived religion. To confess Jesus as the Christ is to be subject to him and the Pharisees were unwilling to do this.

Our objective today should be like that of David. We are to call the Christ Lord because he is the reigning king. When I study God's word and identify the true Jesus by faith I too will be numbered with the likes of David, Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, Abraham and so forth. Who do you associate with?

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**Psalms 117**

"1 All you nations, praise the Lord. All you people, praise him

2 because the Lord loves us very much, and his truth is everlasting."

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