

Discovering Christ in the Psalms – AK 15

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

WRITE IT OUT!

(ON SCANNABLE SINGLE PAGE ANSWER SHEETS ONLY)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

Questions 1 – How does the writer of Hebrews use Psalm 8 to talk about Christ (cf. Hebrews 2:1-9).

1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

In Hebrews 2 the writer is attempting to show Jesus' superiority to angels. He describes how the Messianic kingdom will be ruled by a man NOT by angels and then he quotes Psalm 8. Despite man being made in many ways "less" than angels (mortality, power, understanding) God will give man glory and dominion. we do not see humans having this glory and dominion yet. but we do see Jesus Christ raised to the right hand of God, crowned with glory and dominion.

1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

1 - VERSES

Questions 2 – Looking at Psalms 110, how is Jesus a Priest in the order of Melchizedek?

2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

In Psalm 110, the Messiah is declared to be both a King and a Priest in the order of Melchizedek. Melchizedek's priestly status differs from the OT priests in many aspects: Melchizedek was *appointed* as a priest, he didn't inherit the position. Because there is no birth or death record, his priesthood points to the Messiah's eternal priesthood. The fact that Melchizedek was both king and priest points to Jesus' dual roles and his name, meaning *King of Righteousness*, points to Christ's character and work.

2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

2 - VERSES

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

EXAM 1 – Psalm 2- In what way does this psalm give you a better understanding of the issues in our world

1 - COMMENTS

- Our world is hostile to Christ and God. This Psalm reveals the intensity of that hostility. The desire that the world has to be free of restraints from God is stated in verse 3. The Jewish people at Christ's crucifixion also voiced this desire to not subject themselves to Christ when they said, "we have no king, but Caesar" (John 19:15) They had Him crucified (Acts 2:23; 5:30)

1 - VERSES

- [John 19:15](#)
- [Acts 2:23; 5:30](#)

EXAM 2 – Psalm 8 -Write a short praise prayer to God based on what you have learned from this psalm

2 - COMMENTS

- O Lord, Your glory and power can be seen in all that You have made. I praise You for I can see Your power and glory in the earth and in the heavens. Your glory is ever greater than what I can see in what You have created. Therefore I wonder why You would even notice me or care about me but I do praise You for caring about me. Your plan for man was to rule over Your creation, but we lost that right when sin entered. (Gen. 1:26) However, I thank You what we lost in Adam, Christ, as the perfect Man, will regain (Heb. 2:7-9). He will rule over the entire universe. I thank You for the anticipation of His eternal universal exaltation.

2 - VERSES

- [Gen. 1:26](#)
- [Heb. 2:7-9](#)

EXAM 3 – Psalm 16 -How much does having confidence in God matter in the Christian life?

3 - COMMENTS

- It is vital to living a life pleasing to God for without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6) When He is our portion, we can trust Him for all that we need. He is our provider (v 5), our protector (v6) our counselor (v 7) and our hope (vv 9-11). We can see Him as the One Who controls all the circumstances of our lives, and this causes praise and worship on our part (v 11).

3 - VERSES

- [Heb. 11:6](#)
- [Ps. 16: 5-11](#)

EXAM 4 – Psalm 22 - How does this psalm impact your appreciation for what Christ endured to save your soul?

4 - COMMENTS

- This Psalm reveals the **thoughts** of Christ when He suffered and died and causes me to appreciate more fully the depth and extent of His sufferings. The Gospels tell us the facts of His crucifixion, but this Psalm reveals His feelings.
- Verses 1-5 reveal His spiritual suffering-separation from His Father
- Verses 6-11 reveal His emotional suffering-rejection by His own
- Verses 12-18 reveal His physical sufferings-crucifixion at the hands of His own creation.
- Verses 19-21 are the declaration of His confidence that God has heard Him.
- Verses 22-31 declares His triumph and the spread of His praise to the whole world.

4 - VERSES

- [Ps. 16:1-31](#)

EXAM 5 – Psalm 40 -What practical help for your Christian life do you gain from this psalm?

5 - COMMENTS

- The Lord desires that we give ourselves completely to Him (Rom. 12:1-2). We must be attentive and sensitive to what He would say to us through His Word and be willing to obey (Ps. 119:14-16, 57-60, 101-106, 129). His will, not our own should be our delight. The Lord Jesus is the supreme example of One Who completely gave Himself to do His Father's will (vv 7-8).

5 - VERSES

- [Rom. 12:1-2](#)
- [Ps. 119:14-16, 57-60, 101-106, 129](#)

EXAM 6 – Psalm 41- What lesson do you learn about loyalty from this psalm?

6 - COMMENTS

- This lesson is about betrayal on the part of David's friend. However we can learn about **loyalty to the the Lord** in this lesson. It made him sensitive to the poor and helpless (vv 1-3). He turned to the Lord when he was betrayed (vv 4-9). The Lord knew his integrity and would uphold him in his trouble (vv 10-13).

6 - VERSES

- [Ps. 41:1-13](#)

EXAM 7 – Psalm 45- Which particular aspects of Christ's character are beautiful to you?

7 - COMMENTS

- His character are described in many ways.
- He spoke gracious words (v 2; Luke 4:22; John 7:46).
- He is described as a conquering warrior (vv 3-5; Ps. 2:2; Rev. 19:11-15)
- He will receive an eternal throne of glory (v 6; Heb. 1:8)

- He is God (Heb. 1:8)
- He rules righteously and establishes righteousness (v 6-7)
- There is a joy and fragrance about Him (v 7b-9)

7 - VERSES

- [Luke 4:22](#); [John 7:4:6](#)
- [Ps. 2:2](#); [Rev. 19:11-15](#)
- [Heb. 1:8](#)

EXAM 8 – Psalm 68- Comment on how God’s faithfulness in the past impacts you to trust Him for the future.

8 - COMMENTS

- Remembering God’s past faithfulness encourages us to trust Him for now and for the future. “ I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High”(Ps 77:10b) “I will remember the works of the LORD; surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will meditate on all Your work, and talk of your deeds (Ps 77:11-12; Ps 143:4-5) “according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes” (Deut 1:30)
- He is a refuge for us in times of trouble (Ps 9:9-10)
- We can be confident that He will complete His work in us (Phil 1:6)

8 - VERSES

- [Ps. 77:7-15](#)
- [Ps 143:4-5](#)
- [Deut 1:30-31](#)
- [Ps. 9:9-10](#)
- [Phil. 1:6](#)

EXAM 9 – Psalm 69- How do the insights we gain in this psalm into Christ’s suffering help us appreciate Him more?

9 - COMMENTS

- This Psalm reveals Christ’s emotions as He endured the hatred and reproach of His enemies before and during the crucifixion.. His heart was broken and He was overwhelmed as He contemplated becoming sin for us (Heb. 5:7-8; 2 Cor. 5:21).
- He did experience what we experience (Heb. 4:15) This should cause us to go to Him with our trials (Heb. 4:15-16) We should worship and love Him because of what He has done for us (Ps. 9:1)

9 - VERSES

- [Heb. 4:15-16](#)
- [Ps. 9:1](#)
- [2 Cor. 5:21](#)

EXAM 10 –Psalm 102- Comment on the quoted remarks of Ernest Tatham in the Conclusion of this chapter

10 - COMMENTS

- We can indeed trust Him for everything. There is no one else to trust in (Ps. 18:28-32)
- Since He gave us His Son, there is nothing He will not do for us (Rom. 8:32-39)
- Christ in His humanity offered up cries and tears to Him Who could save Him from death, but was willing to do His Father's will (Luke 22:41-44; Heb. 5:7).

10 - VERSES

- [Ps. 18:28-32](#)
- [Rom. 8:32-39](#)
- [Luke 22:41-44](#)
- [Heb. 5:7](#)

EXAM 11 – Psalm 110 -What does Christ's eternal priesthood mean to you?

11 - COMMENTS

- It means we are eternally secure (Heb. 5:9; 7:24-25)
- He sits at God's right hand and is the mediator between God and us. We can come with confidence that we will receive mercy because He sympathizes with us in our weaknesses because He was tempted in all points as we are apart from sin (Heb. 4:14-16)

11 - VERSES

- [Heb. 5:9; 7:24-25](#)
- [Heb. 4:14-16](#)

EXAM 12 – Psalm 118 -Identify one or two ways in which you have been enriched by your study of Messianic Psalms

12 - COMMENTS

- Studying the Messianic Psalms helps us see the emotions Jesus experienced as He journeyed towards the cross.

12 - VERSES

- [Heb. 12:1-2](#)