

SEEING THE MESSIAH IN PSALMS

LOOKING BACK // LOOKING FORWARD

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CLASS PURPOSE

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- Intent is to highlight and dwell on how these same passages reveal the Messiah—for this class it will be references from the **Psalms**
- Lessons should ‘reveal’:
 - What the identified OT scriptures mean in relation to the Christ
 - How they verify who Jesus is
 - How they confirm who made the statement
 - How we can see this linkage for ourselves
 - How we can readily share this info with others

VIDEO

HEBREWS 1 - JESUS IS THE HEIR

JESUS' SUPERIORITY TO ANGELS

- In Chapter 1, the author of Hebrews opens the argument that Jesus is the heir—the promised Messiah, the true son of God
- The first step is to show Jesus' superiority over all of creation—beginning with angels
- To back up this initial claim, the writer references Psalms four times

LET'S READ THROUGH THESE REFERENCES—SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS WHICH SECTIONS WILL BE REFERENCED

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5 Let your sharp arrows pierce the
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feet.

6 Your throne, O God, will last for ever
and ever;

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7 You love righteousness and hate
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therefore God, your God, has set
you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.

8 All your robes are fragrant with
myrrh and aloes and cassia;
from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you
glad.

9 Daughters of kings are among your
honored women;
at your right hand is the royal bride
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10 Listen, daughter, and pay careful
attention:
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13 All glorious is the princess within
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14 In embroidered garments she is led
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her virgin companions follow her—
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15 Led in with joy and gladness,
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16 Your sons will take the place of
your fathers;
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17 I will perpetuate your memory
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PSALM 102

A PRAYER OF AN AFFLICTED PERSON WHO HAS GROWN WEAK AND POURS OUT A LAMENT BEFORE THE LORD

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let my cry for help come to you.

2 Do not hide your face from me
when I am in distress.

Turn your ear to me;
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generations.

13 You will arise and have compassion on
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for it is time to show favor to her;
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glory.

16 For the Lord will rebuild Zion
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19 “The Lord looked down from his sanctuary
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21 So the name of the Lord will be declared in
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23 In the course of my life[b] he broke my
strength;
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“Do not take me away, my God, in the midst
of my days;
your years go on through all generations.

25 In the beginning you laid the foundations
of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your
hands.

26 They will perish, but you remain;
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HOW DO YOU THINK YOU DID?

**HOW MUCH OF THE PSALM DO YOU THINK WAS
REFERENCED?**

HEBREWS 1:1-5

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

**“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father”?**

Or again,

**“I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son”?**

HEBREWS 1:6-9

And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

In speaking of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels spirits,
and his servants flames of fire.”

But about the Son he says,

**“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.**

**You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
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HEBREWS 1:10-14

He also says,

**“In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

**They will perish, but you remain;
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**You will roll them up like a robe;
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To which of the angels did God ever say,

**“Sit at my right hand
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14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

**NOW, LET'S WALK BACK THROUGH THE PSALMS TO
HIGHLIGHT THE REFERENCED PORTIONS**

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

PSALMS

- Psalms teaches us to neither ignore our pain nor let it determine our lives
 - God will fulfill his promises from the Torah and send the Messiah
 - All about the lament, praise, faith, and hope of God's people
- NT writers—of Hebrews in today's case—used Psalms to back up their claims about Jesus as the Messiah
 - Relatively small portions of the psalms were used to justify
 - Demonstrates God's foresight and wisdom—how He reveals himself to His people