

Ps 2.7-9—The Establishment and Success of Christ's Kingdom
Christ tells us of three promises which the Father made to Him in the Covenant of Redemption before creation.

The Promise of Resurrection, v.7

- I. Christ's resurrection was God's declaration of His sonship and the vindication of His claims to be His Son, Acts 13.33.
- II. Why does Christ respond to the rebels of vv.1-2 with this?
 - A. To declare that He has His Kingship from the Father by an inviolable personal right as His Son.
 - B. To declare that the day was coming when His sonship and Kingship would be unequivocally manifest—which took place undeniably in His resurrection, Acts 13.32-33; Rom 1.3-4 (cf. also Col 1.18; Rev 1.5; 1Cor 15.20-23).
- III. Why does God declare Christ's sonship at His resurrection if He has an eternal sonship?
 - A. The prophecy refers to Christ's mediatorial sonship which began at the incarnation and came to full fruition at the resurrection when His victory over Satan and sin was secure.
- IV. Why does the Father promise Christ a resurrection?
 - A. It's an essential part of the Covenant of Redemption that once Christ's work of suffering was done, God would wipe away the reproach of the cross and *vindicate* His sonship by raising Him from the dead and restoring Him to His rightful place at His right hand, as His Son and as our Head, Eph 1.20-21; cf. Jn 17.1-5!

The Promise of a Kingdom, v.8

- I. Christ is promised a universal government over all nations unto the ends of the earth.
 - A. The theater of present rebellion shall yet be subdued as His Kingdom and no matter where His elect are, they shall be drawn to Him, Jn 6.37, 40, 44-45; Isa 53.11
- II. But how can this be while the nations and its kings rage?
 - A. The Father will invest the Son with a 3-fold office, answerable to the misery that lay upon His Church:
 - B. He shall be their Prophet, Priest, and King, that by His teaching, atoning blood, intercession, and power, His people shall most assuredly be saved.

- C. This assurance caused the Son to persevere in His sufferings, set His face to Jerusalem, and willingly lay down His life, Jn 6.37-40; cf. Heb 12.2!
- D. And with this assurance, the Son intercedes even now for His Church at the Father's right hand, Heb 4.15-16; 7.25.

The Promise of Victory, v.9

- I. Christ is promised ultimate victory in the face of the wicked and their rebellion, Mt 16.18
- II. Christ is promised ultimate victory over the wicked and their rebellion, Rev 6.15-17; 14.19-20

Comfort yourselves!

- I. Comfort yourselves that Christ has His Kingdom by a fair and good title from the Father, v.7
 - A. Therefore be persuaded of the impregnable stability of the Church of Christ on earth, Mt 16.18.
- II. Comfort yourselves that the Son's intercession for you is according to the Father's will, Heb 7.25; Jn 17.9
 - A. Here is Christ's patent for the office of Advocate and Intercessor
 - B. How successful, then, must His prayers be!
 1. All He asks for regarding you is the Father's will for you.
 2. All He asks for regarding you is His rightful due.
- III. Comfort yourselves that it is the Father's delight to draw the lost to His Son, Jn 6.44-45
 - A. Here is the success of the missionary's efforts, Rev 20.2
 - B. We should therefore preach as well as put ourselves under the preaching of God's Word with the utmost confidence.
- IV. Comfort yourselves that at the height of their power and persecution, the wicked are no more than a potter's vessel, Rom 16.20
- V. Comfort yourselves that the Son will have no trouble completely destroying evil, Rev 19.15
- VI. Comfort yourselves that your King is Jesus Christ the Son of God!