

Hebrews 1:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Analysis

Quoting Psalm 110:1, the most cited OT text in the NT, this verse presents Christ's enthronement at God's right hand. The Greek 'dexion' (right hand) signifies the place of honor and power. The subjugation of enemies refers to Christ's ongoing reign until the final consummation. Reformed theology emphasizes Christ's present reign - He is not waiting to become king but reigns now, progressively subduing all opposition to His kingdom.

Historical Context

Psalm 110 was recognized as messianic in Second Temple Judaism. Jesus Himself used it to confound the Pharisees (Matthew 22:44). The author applies it to show Christ's superiority over angels, who are never invited to sit at God's right hand.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does Christ's current reign mean for how you engage with cultural and political powers?

2. How should the certainty of Christ's ultimate victory over all enemies shape your daily conflicts with sin?

Interlinear Text

πρὸς	τίνα	δὲ	τῶν	ἀγγέλων	εἶρηκέν	ποτε	Κάθου	
to	which	But	G3588	of the angels	said he	at any time	Sit	
G4314	G5101	G1161		G32	G2046	G4218	G2521	
ἐκ	δεξιῶν	μου	ἕως	ἂν	θῶ	τοὺς	ἐχθρούς	σου
on	right hand	my	G2193	until	I make	G3588	enemies	thine
G1537	G1188	G3450		G302	G5087		G2190	G4675
ὑποπόδιον	τῶν	ποδῶν	σου					
footstool	G3588	G4228	thine					
G5286			G4675					

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 110:1 (Parallel theme): The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Mark 12:36 (Parallel theme): For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Matthew 22:44 (Parallel theme): The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Hebrews 1:3 (Parallel theme): Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Psalms 132:18 (Parallel theme): His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

Acts 7:55 (Parallel theme): But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

Luke 20:42 (Parallel theme): And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

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