

**PM Service 1/28/24 - Question 25**

**Q. 25 How does Christ execute the office of a king?**

A. Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, (Ps. 110:3) in ruling and defending us (Mat 2:6; 1Cor 15:25), and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

**WLC Q. 45. How does Christ execute the office of a king?**

A. Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

**Matthew 2:6** *"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."*

1. How does Christ exercise his kingly office over his elect people?

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**Psalm 110:3** Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;

**Colossians 1:13-14** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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**John Flavel** *For what He revealed as a Prophet, He purchased as a Priest; and what He so revealed and purchased as a Prophet and Priest, He applies as a King: first subduing the souls of His elect to His spiritual government, then ruling them as His subjects and ordering all things in the kingdom of Providence for their good.*

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2. How does Christ exercise his kingly office over his and our enemies?

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**Ps. 110:1** The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

**Hebrews 10:12-14** But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

**1 Corinthians 15:25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

**R.C. Sproul** It is a profound political reality that Christ now occupies the supreme seat of cosmic authority. The kings of this world and all secular governments may ignore this reality, but they cannot undo it. The universe is no democracy. It is a monarchy. God himself has appointed his beloved Son as the preeminent King. Jesus does not rule by referendum, but by divine right. In the future every knee will bow before him, either willingly or unwillingly. Those who refuse to do so will have their knees broken with a rod of iron.