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**Objection #91: Psalm 45:6[7] does not say that the Messiah is God.**

Brown's short response to this objection:

Try this simple test: Write out this verse in Hebrew by itself, give it to anyone who is fluent in biblical Hebrew, and ask him or her to translate the verse. They will say that the meaning of the Hebrew is "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever." The Hebrew is quite clear. The problem is that the verse refers in context to Israel's king, who was human. So, the real question is, How can an earthly king be called 'elohim? The answer is simple: This passage ultimately points to the Messiah, the divine King!<sup>1</sup>

Following this, Brown demonstrates how the most celebrated Jewish exegetes in history have agreed that this psalm speaks of the Messiah-King and that the king was called God. Jesus Christ is the only one who claimed and was recognized by Jews as God (all of His first followers were Jews). The attempt of modern Judaism to deny validity to the deity of Jesus Christ necessitates rejection of their own Scriptures. Negative volition always comes with a high price. Only Jesus Christ as the God-man *uniquely* fulfills language which calls a man God.

In Christ Alone,

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<sup>1</sup>Michael L. Brown, *Messianic Prophecy Objections—Volume 3*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003), 131-33. In his book, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response which is followed by a more developed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his longer responses (there is far too much material to include in this series).