

PSALM 97 – A SONG OF PRAISE TO THE SOVEREIGN LORD!

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ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING – St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) William Draper
- (born 1855) - (3:39)

*1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O
praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him,
alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise
him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him,
O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Introduction - In Psalm 97 the coming itself is celebrated; **The LORD** has taken to Him His great power and His reign. The earth and the multitude of isles are to rejoice. Clouds and darkness are round about Him, for it is the revelation of His judgments in power, not of Himself. Righteousness and judgment ever characterize His throne. The fire of judgment goes before Him and consumes His enemies. Jehovah, the Lord of the whole earth, comes forth out of His place. In Verses 10-12, we see the exhortation – ***“love the LORD, hate evil!”*** We see the blessed objects of the deliverance — the godly remnant. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. It is a very complete statement of the character of the Lord's coming to earth.

PSALM 97 - The Lord Reigns – A Millennial Psalm – Jesus is Reigning!

Psa 97:1 The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad! -

- The LORD reigns! Messiah is on the throne! “I have set My King on the Holy Hill of Zion!

Psa 97:2 Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

- Messiah's first act of sovereignty is judgment!

Psa 97:3 A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about.

Psa 97:4 His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles.

Psa 97:5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

Psa 97:6 The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory.

- A glorious day, I can hardly wait. I look around the world today and I see the things that are going on. I see the blasphemies of man and I get so sick at heart, so sick. O the Lord reigns. How I long for that day. Jesus said we're to pray for it “Pray thy kingdom come”. What are we praying for? The day when the Lord will come and reign, when the earth rejoices. How glorious that is. How absolutely joyous, ecstatic, beyond our imagination.
- All people see his glory in the universe looking at the stars. His appearing is going to have a great impact on the whole earth!

Psa 97:7 Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.

- Those that serve material things, those that are servants of materialism they are confounded and confused. Evil will be put to and end at that time.

Psa 97:8 Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O LORD.

Psa 97:9 For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

- The recognition there are gods, people have their gods that they have made, their graven

images and the things in the material world.

- There is but one God! There cannot be another! He is and must ever be over all!

Psa 97:10 You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

- ***You who love the LORD***, - How do you live for God in a wicked and rebellious world, the first and most important characteristic is we are to love the LORD! We are to love Him with a love that is worthy of Him. I am to love Him with all of my heart, all of my mind, with all of my soul and all of my strength. And so are you, Christian! Do you love Him that way?
- ***hate evil!*** That strong love for the LORD is going to produce a hatred of evil in our lives. If there is no hatred of evil in our lives, something is wrong with our relationship with the LORD. I am to hate evil for the harm that it does to my relationship with God! I'm to hate evil for what it turns a nation into and what it turns a world into.
- We cannot love God without loving what which He hates! The world today is saying what to you concerning evil? Be tolerant. This whole thing of toleration of evil is plaguing our world. As a child of God you are to hate evil.
- ***He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.***
- Thank God. There's a promise, take it. Maybe some of you are being oppressed by the wicked, he delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psa 97:11 Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart. Psa 97:12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

SUMMARY:

- **Our God reigns! Yes, He does, forever and ever!**
- **Love God with all your heart! Hate evil-hate what He hates!**
- **Rejoice in the LORD! Give thanks to Him! Remember His holiness!**

"How Great Thou Art"

*Oh Lord my God when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, To take me home, what joy shall fill my
heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim my God how great Thou
art!*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
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PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD

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