

PSALM 47 – Praise to God, the Ruler of the Earth!

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PSALM 47 – This Forty-seventh Psalm is a celebration of our God as the King of all the earth! It was often sung on Ascension day in the early church. In Israel it is read or sung seven times before trumpets sound at the beginning of Rosh Shana. It may have been written following the angel of the Lord, in one night, destroying 185,000 Assyrian soldiers, surrounding Jerusalem during the time of Hezekiah's reign, or possibly at the time King David brought the ark into Jerusalem

Psa 47:8 *God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.*

OUR GOD REIGNS – L. E. Smith/Fettke & Beddia Gaither(3:23)

*How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming News of happiness. Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Chorus: Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! (2X)*

*Out of the tomb He came With grace and majesty; He is alive, He is alive. God loves us so see here
His hands, His feet, His side. Yes, we know He is alive. [Chorus]*

*He had no stately form; He had no majesty, That we should be drawn to Him. He was despised,
and we took no account of Him, Yet now He reigns With the Most High. [Chorus] CLAP YOUR
HANDS!*

God Is King over All the Earth - To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

Psa 47:1 *Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!*

- Have I, have we, done that any justice in our worship and praise to Him? Imagine the excitement that they experienced when they wake up expecting the Assyrians to likely conquer the city of Jerusalem this day And they go out and they see this.
- “*O clap your hands.*” The most natural and most enthusiastic tokens of exultation are to be used in view of the victories of the Lord, and His universal reign. Our joy in God may be demonstrative, and yet He will not censure it.
- *All you people.*” The joy is to extend to all nations; Israel may lead the van, but all the Gentiles are to follow in the march of triumph, for they have an equal share in that Kingdom where there is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all and in all.
- *Shout*, let your voices keep tune with your hands. “*To God,*” let Him have all the honors of the day, and let them be loud, joyous, universal, and undivided. *With the voice of triumph*, Many are human languages, and yet the nations may triumph as with one voice. The prospect of the universal reign of the Prince of Peace is enough to make the tongue of the dumb sing!

Psa 47:2 *For the LORD Most High (El Elyon) is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.*

- Our El Elyon is simply awesome! Indeed, He is a great King over all the earth! Indeed, what a reason to get all excited clapping and shouting our praises to Him for His great deliverance!
- *For the Lord*, or Jehovah, the self-existent and only God; “*Most high,*” most great in power, lofty in dominion, eminent in wisdom, elevated in glory. “*Is awesome,*” none can resist His power or stand before his vengeance; yet as these terrors are wielded on the behalf of his subjects, they are fit reasons for rejoicing. Omnipotence, which is terrible to crush, is almighty to protect. At a grand review of the troops of a great prince, all His loyal subjects are filled with triumph, because their Lord is so able to defend His own, and so much dreaded by His foes. “
- *He is a great King over all the earth.* Not over Judea only, but even to the utmost isles, His reign extends. Our God is no local deity, no petty ruler of a tribe; in infinite majesty He rules the

mightiest realms as absolute arbiter of destiny, sole monarch of all lands, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Psa 47:3 He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet.

- “He,” with whom is infinite power, “*shall subdue the people under us.*” The battle is not ours but the Lord's. He will take His own time, but He will certainly achieve victory for His church. Truth and righteousness shall through grace climb to the ascendant.
- The people of God have been under the feet of men in long and cruel persecutions, and in daily contempt; but God will reverse the position, and the best in character shall be first in honor.

Psa 47:4 He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah

- While as yet we see not all things put under Him, we are glad to put ourselves and our fortunes at His disposal. “*He shall choose our inheritance for us.*” We feel His reign to be so gracious that we even now ask to be in the fullest degree the subjects of it. We submit our will, our choice, our desire, wholly to Him.
- ***(Eph 1:11-14)*** *In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, [12] that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. [13] In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, [14] who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*
- *The excellence of Jacob whom he loved.*” He gave His ancient people their portion. He will give us ours, and we ask nothing better; this is the most spiritual and real manner of clapping our hands because of His sovereignty, namely, to leave all our affairs in His hands, for then our hands are empty of all care for self, and free to be used in His honor. Our beauty, our boast, our best treasure, lies in having such a God to trust in, such a God to love us.
- *Whom He loves* provokes a question: *Why* does God so love Jacob? *Why* does God so love the church? *Why* does God so love the world? *Why* does God so love me? The answer is that the reasons for His love are in Him, not in the ones He loves.

Psa 47:5 God has gone up with a shout, The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

- “*God is gone up with a shout.*” The idea is that God comes down from heaven to help and save His people, and when He goes back up He deserves praise and acclamation from His people!
- *The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.* Jesus is Jehovah. The joyful strain of the trumpet marks the splendor of His triumph.

Psa 47:6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

- *Sing praises.* What jubilation is here, when five times over the whole earth is called upon to sing to God! He is worthy. He is Creator. He is goodness itself. *Sing praises!* Keep with the glad work. Never let the music pause. He never ceases to be good, let us never cease to be grateful. “*Sing praises to our King.*” Let Him have all our praise; no one ought to have even a particle of it. Jesus shall have it all. Let all hearts that own His scepter sing and sing on forever, for there is everlasting reason for thanksgiving while we dwell under the shadow of such a throne.

Psa 47:7 For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

- “*For God is the King of all the earth.* Jehovah is not the God of the Jews only, all the nations of the earth are, through the Messiah, yet to own Him, Lord.
- *Sing praises with understanding.* Sound doctrine praises God. Even under the economy of types and ceremonies, it is clear that the Lord had regard to the spirituality of worship, and would be praised thoughtfully, intelligently, and with deep appreciation of the reason for song.
- I find that often times, even as we are singing choruses, my mind will drift to something else. Here I am singing, I know the chorus and I am still singing it, but my mind isn't on what I am singing always. The Lord has been catching me up short of this of late. Here I am singing, “Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of God. Then I will think of something else. The

Lord will bring me back and say, “Wait a minute. What are you thinking about anyhow?” It is something that we’ve got to guard against because it’s easy to get into sort of a rote and the worship of God becomes a mindless kind of a thing. In other words, my mind and heart is not really in it and that’s not good.

Psa 47:8 God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

- The great truth that *God reigns* in providence is the guarantee that in a gracious gospel sense His promise shall be fulfilled, and his kingdom shall come. “*He sits on His holy throne!* Unmoved he occupies an undisputed throne, whose decrees, acts, and commands are holiness itself. What other throne is like this? Never was it stained with injustice, or defiled with sin. Neither is he who sits upon it dismayed, or in a dilemma. He sits in serenity, for He knows His own power, and sees that His purposes will not miscarry. Here is reason enough for holy song.

Psa 47:9 The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

- God reigns over the heathen and He is King over all of the earth. It is interesting to me how many people like to feel how they are totally independent of God. They have raised their fists against God, they have set their hearts against Him and yet, like it or not, God rules over their lives.
- “*The princes of the people have gathered together.*” All kings shall bow down before Him.” No people shall be unrepresented; their great men shall be good men, their royal ones regenerate ones.
- *Even the people of the God of Abraham.* same God, who was known only to here and there a patriarch like the father of the faithful, shall be adored by a seed as many as the stars of heaven.
- *For the shields of the earth belong to God.*” The Septuagint translates this as the strong ones of the earth. The words refer to something by which the inhabitants of the earth are defended; God’s providence, guardian angels.
- *He is greatly exalted!* In nature, in power, in character, in glory, there is none to compare with Him. Oh, glorious vision of a coming era! Make haste, meanwhile, (***1Co 15:58***) *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

(Psa 47:6-7) Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! [7] For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

AWAKE MY SOUL Hillsong (4:40)

*There is a sound I love to hear It's the sound of the Savior's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray Where we hear praises He hears faith
There is a sound I love to hear It's the sound of the Savior's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray Where we hear worship He hears faith
Awake my soul and sing, Sing His praise aloud Sing His praise aloud
Awake my soul and sing, Sing His praise aloud Sing His praise aloud --- CLAP, CLAP
There is a sound that changes things The sound of His people on their knees
Oh, wake up you slumbering It's time to worship Him
Awake my soul and sing, Sing His praise aloud Sing His praise aloud
Awake my soul and sing, Sing His praise aloud Sing His praise aloud
And when He moves And when we pray Where stood a wall now stands a way
Where every promise is amen, And when He moves Make no mistake
The bowels of hell begin to shake All hail the Lord all hail the King
Hey oh Oh, let the King of glory enter in Hey oh
Fall down on your knees and worship Him Hey oh
Let His praise rise up don't hold it in
Awake my soul and sing, Sing His praise aloud Sing His praise aloud
Awake my soul and sing, Sing His praise aloud Sing His praise aloud*

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