

INTRODUCTION: THE PSALMS IN HEBREWS (series)

A. PREVIOUS: PSALM 2 (see Heb.1:5; 5:5); **PSALM 95** (Heb.3,4)

B. TODAY: Ps.97 (Heb.1:6; see Dt.32:43LXX)

C. “STRING OF PEARLS” (Heb.1; Ps.97, see refs. at each verse; e.g., medley)

D. SERIES IN PRAISE TO THE SOVEREIGN GOD (Ps.96-98; esp. 93-100)

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE MOST HIGH GOD (Ps.97:1-12)

A. FANFARE PROCLAMATION (1; see Is.42:10-12; 51:5)

1. Truth: The LORD reigns (1a; see 96:10; 93:1; 99:1; see Heb.1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2)

2. Consequence: universal exuberant joy (1; see Ps.96,98; see Mt.2:21f)

B. MAJESTIC EXPLANATION (2-6; see 9)

1. Impenetrable Sovereignty (2a; Ex.19:9; Dt.4:11; Ps.18:9f)

2. Principled Dominion (2b, see 8b;Ps.89:15)

3. Powerful Effects (3-5; see Ps.18:9; 50:3; 77:16f; Is.42:25; Mic.1:4; 4:13; see Heb.12:21,29)

4. Universal Declaration (6; see Ps.50:6; Is.35:2; 40:5; 52:10; 66:18)

C. HUMILIATING COMPARISON (7a,b; see 96:5; Is.42:17; 44:11; see Hebrews: angels, Moses, Joshua, Aaron,etc.)

D. EXHILARATING CONSEQUENCE (7c-9)

1. Call to Worship (7c, 9b; see Heb.1:6 (2:7); Dt.32:43LXX(Ps.96:7LXX); see Heb.1:1-3; Col.1:15f; Eph.1:20f)

2. Joy in the LORD (8a,b; see 48:2,11)

3. Zion: city of the Great King (8a; see 48:2=Mt.5:35)

4. daughters of Judah: villages & towns of the Great King (8b; Ps.48:11)

5. reasons: saving judgments (8c; see 2f; Ps.48:11)

6. cause: the LORD Most High over all things on earth & in heaven (9; see 47:2,9; 83:18,13f; 95:3; 96:4; 135:5; see Gen.14:18f; Heb.7:1; see Psalms, Daniel, NT; see Mt.28:18f)

E. MORAL IMPERATIVE (10a)

1. addressees: those who love the LORD (10a; see Dt.6:5(Mt.22:37); 11:1f; Ps.31:23; 116:1; 145:20; Eph.6:23f; see Dt.5:10; Jn.14:15)

2. command: hate evil (10a; see Ps.26:5; 31:6; 139:21f; Prov.8:13; Is.1:14; 61:8; Rom.7:15; 12:9; 1Th.5:21f; Col.3:5f; Mt.7:3f; Mk.9:43f; see Mt.5:44)

F. DIVINE ASSURANCES (10b,11; see 112:4)

G. JOYFUL DOXOLOGY (12; see 32:11; 30:5; see 93:5; 96:9; 98:1; 99:9)

CONCLUSION: WORSHIP HIM, ALL YOU GODS! (Ps.97:7c; Dt.32:43LXX; see Heb.1:6,1-3; see Mt.28:18f; Eph.1:20f; Col.1:15f; see Jn.5:23)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)