

Psalm 47

1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah. O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. 2 For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. 8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted.

Introduction:

1. "To the chief musician" (1 Chr. 15:17).
2. The Sons of Korah (Num. 16:23-34, Num. 26:11).
3. This Psalm celebrates the Kingship of God. It has eschatological ramifications.

Outline:

- A. Praise to the Great King (vv.1-2)
- B. Praise for the acts of the King (vv.3-4)
- C. Praises to the King (vv.5-6)
- B.' Praise for the acts of the King (vv.7-8)
- A.' Praise to the Great King (v.9)

Observations:

1. Psalm 47 expands on the victories of Psalm 46. Other nations (Gentiles) are here joining Israel in recognition of the LORD as King over all the earth.
2. God's plan is that Israel will be His witnesses on earth as a nation among the nations. (Isa. 43:1, 8-10ff).
3. "terrible" – fear producing. The proper worship of God produces the fear of the LORD.
4. God gives to Israel other nations as an inheritance (Ex. 32:13; Lev. 20:24; Num. 34:2; Deut. 4:21; Josh. 11:23).
5. God sits on the throne of His holiness ready to listen and to judge.
6. Who are you subject to? Self or God? No one who is ruled by self can be subjected to God.
7. The Millennial Kingdom will fully realize this Psalm. (Rev. 19, esp. v.15).

Lesson: God is King. He reigns. This brings us peace and hope when we focus on the fact that He is in charge. There is cause to sing and to praise and to serve – He is the LORD most high! He is King of all the earth.