

THE LORD REIGNS - BE GLAD - Ps 97

1. Ps 97 - in midst of providential challenges, the Lord reigns.

1st: The Lord Reigns - Be Glad. v1

1. Main lesson : Lord reigns: be glad!
2. Inclusio - v12 *be glad* [demonstrative] & *rejoice* [internal]
3. Global impact of Lord's reign
4. *Lord reigns = only Sovereign, King of kings & Lord of lords* (1T 6:15-16)

2nd: The Lord Is Come - v2-6

1. King arrives & creation convulses
2. God of Sinai
3. Not mere physical phenomenon, but revelation of *righteousness & justice*
4. What is our experience of THIS God?

3rd: Idolaters Are Summoned to Repent and Worship the Lord - 7

1. Man's most basic problem: idolatry. His trust = *boast themselves* & gospel calls idolaters to *be ashamed*
2. *Worship Him all you gods* - "elohim" Isa 40:22-25

4th: The People of God Respond to the Summons and Worship the Lord - v8-9

1. *Zion & daughters of Judah*
2. People of God hear - what? Summons of v7 *Worship Him*. Here is the definition of *gladness* - a alignment of "being" - living union w/ Lord.
3. *B/c of Lord's judgments*: Jesus rules over us: Jesus!

5th: The People of God Love the Lord and Live Righteous Lives - v10-12

1. It all boils down to who we *love* & what we *hate* = vocabulary of covenant allegiance; trust; that into which we invest our lives.
02. We *love* Lord & we *hate evil* - love = life of obedience to King Jesus.
3. We are light of world: live on path illuminated by Word of God: *heart* integrity - *righteousness* [2x] & *gladness* [2x]:
4. Worship = *give thanks to His holy name*.
5. We are blessed! Ps 97.