

## Psalm 97

- I. Absolute \_\_\_\_\_ and proper response to it Vs 1
- A. **The LORD reigneth**-A fact that remains \_\_\_\_\_
1. "The fixed point in the universe, the unalterable fact, is the throne of God." G. Campbell Morgan
  2. **Reigneth**-rules \_\_\_\_\_; the sovereign One rules supreme
  3. "Here is a simple proposition, which is a self-evident axiom, and requires no proof: **JEHOVAH is infinite and eternal; is possessed of unlimited power and unerring wisdom; as he is the Maker, so he must be the Governor, of all things. His authority is absolute, and his government therefore universal. In all places, on all occasions, and in all times, Jehovah reigns.**" **Adam Clarke's Commentary**
- B. **Let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof**-God's creation is to rejoice and be glad because everything is as it should be since God is on the \_\_\_\_\_
1. **Earth**-the \_\_\_\_\_ land masses
  2. **Isles**-the \_\_\_\_\_ land masses surrounded by water
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this absolute truth Vs 2-5
- A. A unique \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 2
1. **Clouds and darkness are round about him**-Figurative language: God cannot be totally \_\_\_\_\_,
  2. **Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne**-God is righteous and his judgments are \_\_\_\_\_ whether we understand them or not because they can only be righteous judgments
- B. An ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 3
1. **Fire**-a \_\_\_\_\_ of the burning judgment of God
  2. **Burneth up his enemies roundabout**-the enemies of God will be \_\_\_\_\_!
- C. An undeniable \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 4-5
1. At the presence of God there is lightning Vs 4a
  2. The earth is made fearful at the lightning of God's appearance Vs 4b
  3. The hills are liquified like melting wax when God appears Vs 5a
  4. **The Lord of the whole earth**-the director and master of everything on the earth and the earth itself Vs 5b
- D. An unprecedented \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 6
1. **The heavens declare his righteousness**-the sky gives constant witness of the "rightness" of God (A constant witness that all the world cannot \_\_\_\_\_)
  2. **All the people see his glory**-the beauty of the sky each day displays the glory of God, and all peoples of the world are \_\_\_\_\_ by that witness
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of denying absolute truth Vs 7
- A. The deniers will be \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 7a
1. **Confounded**-Hb. to be embarrassed, to be \_\_\_\_\_
  2. **They that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols** -those who worship the work of their own \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of their disgrace Vs 7b
1. **Worship him, all ye gods**-the idols will \_\_\_\_\_ to the One who sits on the Throne of the universe
  2. The created gods will \_\_\_\_\_ in submission to the Creator God

- IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ response to absolute truth Vs 8-10
- A. **Zion heard and was glad** Vs 8a
    - 1. **Zion**-Jerusalem, the city which God chose to be the center of His work
    - 2. **Heard and was glad**-\_\_\_\_\_ response to absolute truth
  - B. **The daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD**-all the surrounding villages also rejoiced when God ruled Vs 8b
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ of absolute truth Vs 9
  - D. Correct \_\_\_\_\_ to absolute truth Vs 10
    - 1. **Ye that love the LORD, hate evil**-this is the \_\_\_\_\_ response and reaction
      - a. Love God
      - b. Hate evil
    - 2. **He preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked**-this will be the \_\_\_\_\_ result of correct reaction to absolute truth
- V. The \_\_\_\_\_ result of absolute truth Vs 11-12
- A. **Light is sown for the righteous**-Spiritual darkness is \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 11a
  - B. **Gladness for the upright in heart**-those living in \_\_\_\_\_ to absolute truth rejoice Vs 11b
  - C. Thinking about the God of absolute truth results in rejoicing and \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 12