



Psalm 97

1 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. 3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. 4 His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

8 Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD. 9 For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. 12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm celebrates the LORD's power and dominion.
2. This is also a prophetic Psalm where the believers are rejoicing and the enemies (idolaters) will be judged and destroyed (condemned).

Outline:

- A. The Revelation of the LORD's Glory (vv.1-6)
 - B. Exhortation to Worship (v.7)
 - B.' Zion's Worship (vv.8-9)
- A.' The Effects of the LORD's Glory (vv.10-12)

Observations:

1. (vv.1-6) Is a description of God's majestic Kingdom.
2. (vv.7-9) Is a description of God's judgment upon idolaters. (cf. Heb. 1:6).
3. (vv.10-12) Is an exhortation to godliness and spiritual rejoicing.

Lesson: Jesus Christ is King.

Psalm 98

1 A Psalm. O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. 2 The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. 3 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. 5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. 6 With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together 9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Introduction:

1. This Psalm is almost similar to Ps. 96. (v.7 is like 96:11; and v.9 is like 96:13).
2. This Psalm celebrates the goodness of the LORD.
3. God is to be praised for His past deliverances (Egypt; Sihon; Og; etc.).
4. God is to be praised for His future judgment.

Outline:

- A. The LORD's Marvelous Things of the Past (vv.1-3)
 - B. Make a Joyful Noise unto the LORD (vv.4-6)
- A.' The LORD's Marvelous Things for the Future (vv.7-9)

Observations:

1. Similar themes to the previous Psalms (Royal Psalms which started in Ps. 93 and extends to Ps. 100).
2. All (Jews and Gentiles) are exhorted to praise God for His truth and salvation.

Lesson: The LORD is worthy to be praised and is returning to judge Israel's enemies and bring world-wide peace and justice.