



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Psalm 97:1-12 (NAS)

Topic: "The Lord Reigns"

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- 1 The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; Let the many islands be glad.
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
- 3 Fire goes before Him And burns up His adversaries round about.
- 4 His lightnings lit up the world; The earth saw and trembled.
- 5 The mountains 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 peoples have seen His glory.
- 7 Let all those be ashamed who serve graven images, Who boast themselves of idols; Worship Him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion heard this and was glad, And the daughters of Judah have rejoiced Because of Your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For You are the LORD Most High over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 Hate evil, you who love the LORD, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light is sown like seed for the righteous And gladness for the upright in heart.
- 12 Be glad in the LORD, you righteous ones, And give thanks to His holy name.

I. RESPONSE TO HIS REIGN

- A. Yes, OK
- B. Contemplation Of All That Entails
 1. Over All Disasters
 2. Over All Personal Struggles
- C. A Call To Be Glad

II. WHO WILL REJOICE?

- A. God's People
- B. The Wicked Will Not

III. HIS REIGN

- A. Has Implications For Evangelism

- B. Jesus Addressed The Subject *Luke 13:1-5*
- C. People Do Battle With This Subject *Ephesians 1:11; Romans 8:28, 29*
- D. Those Who Reject His Reign Should Fear His Judgment *Exodus 19:16-19*

IV. IDOL WORSHIPER SHOULD FEAR

- A. Meaning Of The Word Idol
- B. All Men Worship *Luke 16:13*

V. THE CALL TO HATE EVIL

- A. The Term Sounds Too Harsh
 1. God is love
 2. God is holy, holy, holy
- B. To Love The Lord Is To Hate Evil

VI. THE BLESSINGS OF SERVING A SOVEREIGN GOD

- A. He Preserves His People
- B. He Gives Light To His People *Psalm 119:11*
- C. He Makes Us/Calls Us To Be Glad *Philippians 4:4*