



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*