



Psalm 97

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A GOD-CENTERED WORLDVIEW

Introduction:

I. THE EARTH'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S AWESOME SOVEREIGNTY (vs. 1-6)

A. Rejoices in His Control (vs. 1-2)

¹“The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;”

“Let the many islands be glad.”

²“Clouds and thick darkness surround Him;” (Deuteronomy 4:11)

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.”

B. Reels before His Might (vs. 3-5)

³“Fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries round about.” (Hebrews 12:20)

⁴“His lightnings lit up the world;”

“The earth saw and trembled.” (Exodus 19:18; Nahum 2:5)

⁵“The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD,” (Micah 1:4)

“at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.”

C. Reveals His Attributes (vs. 6)

⁶“The heavens declare His righteousness,” (Psalm 19:1-4)

“and all the peoples have seen His glory.” (Romans 1:18-20; Revelation 1:7; Zechariah 12:10)

II. THE IDOLATER'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S ABSOLUTE SUPREMACY (vs. 7-9)

A. Idolaters are Shamed (vs. 7a)

⁷“Let all those be ashamed who serve graven images...”

“who boast themselves of idols [*elelim*];”

B. Idols are Taunted (vs. 7b)

“Worship Him, all you gods [*elohim*].”

C. Israel Hears and Rejoices (vs. 8-9)

⁸“Zion heard this and was glad...”

“and the daughters of Judah have rejoiced” (Revelation 22:20)

“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.”

III. THE BELIEVER’S RESPONSE TO GOD’S AMAZING SALVATION (vs. 10-12)

A. What the Lord Demands of His People (vs. 10)

¹⁰“Hate evil, you who love the LORD...” (Job 28:28; Amos 5:15; Romans 12:9)

“Who preserves the souls of His godly ones;”

“He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.”

B. What the Lord Does for His People (vs. 11-12)

1) He fills them with light.

¹¹“Light is sown like seed for the righteous...” (Psalm 27:1)

“and gladness for the upright in heart.”

2) He fills them with laughter.

¹²“Be glad in the LORD, you righteous ones...”

“and give thanks to His holy name.”

Conclusion: The Lord reigns! Therefore...

- 1) let the whole world recognize that and rejoice in it (vs. 1)
- 2) let those who reject that be ashamed and change their wrong thinking (vs. 7)
- 3) let those who believe it turn away from sin and commit their way to the Lord (vs. 10)

Food for Thought:

- 1) In what ways does nature demonstrate the attributes of God?
- 2) What modern idols do we have that need to bow before the one true God?
- 3) How do you develop a hatred for evil?
- 4) How do you demonstrate your love for the Lord?