

PSALM 97 vs 1

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The last Psalm sang the praises of the Lord in connection with the proclamation of the Good News among the Gentiles; so this appears to foreshadow the mighty working of the Holy Spirit in subduing the colossal systems of error, and throwing down all idols; it contains passages similar to those which occur in the later prophets.

Divisions: The Psalm divides itself into four portions, each containing three verses. The coming of the Lord is described (1-3); its effect upon the earth is declared (4-6); then its influence on the nations and the people of God (7-9); and a final exhortation and encouragement; urging holiness and teaching great joy (10-12) -- Charles Spurgeon.



¹ The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many isles be glad.

² Clouds and darkness surround Him: rightness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

³ Fire goes before Him, and consumes His enemies round about.

Think about it: "The Lord reigns", this is the watchword of the Psalm. It is the essence and foundation of His kingdom; therefore all mankind is asked to yield Him their obedient faith. "Let the earth rejoice!" for there is cause for joy. Other reigns produced injustice, oppression, bloodshed and terror; the reign of the Lord is the hope of mankind, and when all yield to it, the race of Adam will have its paradise restored. The very globe itself will be glad the Lord has come; the whole race of Adam will be glad – Charles Spurgeon.

⁴ His lightnings lit up the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

⁵ The hills melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the LORD of all the earth.

⁶ The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.

Think about it: at His first coming, nothing ever caused such a shaking and commotion on earth as proclaiming the gospel, nothing was more majestic, turning the world right-side up, leveling mountains, filling in valleys; deposing some while lifting others. Just imagine when He comes again in power and great glory to finish the job. His presence will clear the way, and obstacles will disappear. – Charles Spurgeon. [And even the islands of the east are warming up their voices to sing His praise.](#) If Tuvalu and the Solomon Islands have heard, all the world will be without excuse – R Keith.

⁷ Let all be shamed who serve carved images, who boast of their demon idols: Worship Him.

⁸ Zion hears and is glad; the daughter Judah rejoiced because of Your judgments, O LORD.

⁹ For You, O LORD, are Most High over all the earth: You are exalted far above all gods.

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Think about it: four times the **earth** is mentioned: so from north, south, east and west, everyone is invited to pay attention. Everyone will see the coming of the Lord; whether or not they like it; some will be confused, some will be ashamed, and blush and cover their faces as they let drop to the ground their manmade junk; but for those who survived the terrible day of the Lord's wrath, there will be great joy mixed with tears as they finally see the One whom they pierced; coming with a rod of iron, to establish peace in the earth; even the daughters of Judah will finally rejoice. – Charles Spurgeon.

¹⁰ You who love the LORD, hate evil: He preserves the souls of those who love and trust Him; from the hand of the wrongdoer, He delivers them.

¹¹ Light is scattered for those doing right, and gladness for the upright in heart.

¹² Rejoice you right ones in the LORD; give thanks and remember His holy Name.

Think about it: until He comes, whose right it is to reign, all that the saints of the Lord need, is generously provided; starting with light; as we work while it is still day; for darkness is coming when no one can work. He paid a great price for us; can we encourage one another, and keep going until we meet Him face to face. Until then, Give Him thanks as we remember His holy Name. Great is our God!

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