

The Lord Reigns

Psalm 97

Psalm 97:1 **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.

Psalm 97:6 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.

Psalm 97:8 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.

Psalm 97:10 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.