

## Psalm 47 – Week of March 13

### **Memory Verse: Psalm 47:6**

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Hail to the King!

It is the coronation of our King! He reigns! Clap your hands! The clap is a token of our joy and of our thanksgiving. Verse 1 sets the tone and announces this incredible event.

Verses 2-4 tell us what He has done for us already. His rule is universal. Respect His holy authority, His majesty and His power. As He gave the Hebrews for the land He chose, so He chose you to serve Him. He chose His inheritance for you. He calls His own sheep by name.

Verse 5 continues: now He has ascended. In Ephesians 4:10 "He who descended (to the earth) is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill all things." He has ascended with the sounding of trumpets. He is the King!

Consider how many times we are told to sing in just two verses (verses 6-7). Five! Five times we are instructed to sing. How should we best sing? Here is an example from The Psalter of 1912:

*Rejoice, all people, homage give to God with voice of triumph sing;  
He rules us in dread majesty, the great, the universal King.*

*He puts the nations under us and makes us all triumphant stand;  
He gives us for our heritage His promised rest, a goodly land.*

*God has ascended with a shout, Jehovah with the trumpet's sounds;  
sing praise to God our King, sing praise, yes, let His glorious praise abound.*

*Our God is King of all the earth, with thoughtful heart His praise make known;  
o'er all the nations God does reign, exalted on His holy throne.*

*To praise and serve our covenant God the princes of the earth draw nigh;  
all kingly powers belong to Him. He is exalted, God Most High.*

Continue singing! This is a song which we usually sing at Christmas, but this song is really about the king who will reign: Joy to the World. Consider the final verse:

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove*

*The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love  
and wonders of His love and wonders, wonders of His love.*

Although that hymn is based on Psalm 98, does it not echo exactly Psalm 47:8-9?

Unlike man's rebellion against God by the unbelieving nations described in Psalm 2, all the princes gather together as the people of the God of Abraham in Verses 8 and 9. All nations will worship Him. In Isaiah 44:6 we read: "This is what the LORD says- Israel's King and Redeemer, the lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from Me there is no God."

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