

CELEBRATING THE RULE OF GOD

PSALM 47

Introduction:

The Psalm is a blending of history and prophecy. It calls upon us to celebrate with clapping hands, lifting of shouts and song, and submission of life to this rule of God.

Every time we meet in worship, we should include a celebration of the rule of God, and pray for the consummation of His rule.

Historically the church has used this psalm to celebrate the ascension of the Lord from the Cross to His throne of glory. There are at least three dimensions in which we can make this our cause for celebration. So join me, let's celebrate the rule of our God.

I. CELEBRATE HIS RULE IN PROVIDENCE!

The historical setting for this psalm is generally seen as the victory of God over the army of Assyria that came against Hezekiah. God manifest his superiority over the greatest army on the earth. It was a sure sign that He is indeed the King of all the earth.

1. In His victories for His people.
2. In His provision for His people.

II. CELEBRATE HIS RULE IN CHRIST!

1. In Christ He came down.
2. In Christ He met the enemy.
3. In Christ He won the victory.
4. In Christ He ascended to the throne.

III. CELEBRATE THE CONSUMATION OF HIS KINGDOM.

1. There will then be a universal manifestation of His rule.
2. There will then be universal acknowledgement of His rule.