

# Psalm 47

The themes and main concept in this Psalm is that God, having come down from heaven to deliver His people, [John 3:16-17] and has returned to His throne in heaven to prepare to return in all power and authority to rule all nations.

These two themes closely interwoven.

First is a call to all the people to acclaim Yahweh as King, [Psalms 47:1-4].

**Psalms 47:5-7** [New King James] *“God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with understanding.”*

We are to continually praise our Creator God.

Note *“with understanding,”* God is beyond words to describe but it did not stop those people who were inspired by Him to write His Word, the Christian Bible, to try to describe Him.

It should not stop us from talking about Him to others who as yet have no understanding, even of His existence, due to the deception of Satan, whom God has allowed as yet to rule on this earth, [2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:19], until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, [Revelation 20:1-4].

Second, the ascended Lord Jesus Christ is our King, [1 Timothy 1:15-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16].

Second, we have a vision of things yet to come at the return of our Saviour, this time to rule eventually all human beings who have ever lived.

**Psalms 47:8-9** [New King James] *“God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. The princes of the people have gathered together, the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.”*

All nations are represented by their princes or leaders, the *“shields”* are the authority wielded by kings and governors, who **only** have their authority because it is given by Jesus Christ, Who has all authority, [Matthew 28:18].

**1 Corinthians 15:20-28** [New King James] *“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. **But each one in his own order:** Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For ‘He has put all things under His feet.’ But when He says ‘all things are put under Him,’ it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.”*

This is the expansion of the theme mentioned in prophecy in the last to verses of Psalm 47.

Again the Psalmist points us to the future rule of Jesus Christ.

How much more should this be the focus of our life when the life, death and resurrection has given us so much more understanding of the great plan of the Creator God for all humanity.

**Matthew 7:31-33** [New King James] *“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”*

This is the strong recommendation of Jesus Christ Who is the King who will eventually rule all the humans who have ever existed.

We who are true Christians can have a part of the rulership and re-education of humans who have never known or even heard of Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord, [**Revelation 20:4-6, 11-13**].

**Let us, as this Psalm tells us, praise and thank God for all that He is doing for us and eventually for all human beings who have ever existed.**