

# Psalms 47

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You are the Lord and you are the King

Psalm 47

Comprehension is knowing in knowledge, and understanding is in the heart of knowing, really understanding, really fully believing. When a person truly understands in his soul, his worship and praise of God is truly and most important to God. What we see in our understanding is not necessarily the same as what we see in reality, but understanding is the reality of God that the eyes of the soul perceive through various things. Verse 7, "For God is King over all the earth; Sing ye with understanding. Here "understanding" in the original text is "poetry of meditation". When we come to the Lord every day and meditate on His Word, He communicates with us and reveals the hidden mysteries to us. Jesus said, "He who seeks, he shall find; and he that knocketh shall open unto him" (Matthew 7:7). God is so great and wonderful that He governs the earth and cares for our individual needs.

The scene of the repetition of the Ark of the Covenant, as if God had ascended to the throne, and the whole people clapped their hands and cheered, and it was this scene that began Psalm 47. The Israelites were nomadic peoples, who had been in Egypt for 400 years, had gone through the wilderness and entered the land of Canaan, and then through the book of Judges, King Saul, and then Israel became a nation, and then there was the true anointed King, King David, and David welcomed the ark back to Jerusalem, and the whole people cheered. It was a touching scene in which the Israelites believed that the God they believed in was the greatest God on earth. Jehovah is the great King of all the earth. (v.2) He chose a people among all the nations: In the beginning, God revealed Himself only to the Israelites, a very small nation among the nations. But through Jesus Christ, there are His followers in every nation of the world. In Romans 10:10, Paul spoke of Jesus Christ as Gentiles, who had no covenant with God, to inherit God's promises because "we believe with our heart we will be justified, and with our mouth confess we will be saved."

Verse 4 mentions that God chooses for us the industry, the life of the overcomer, and "choosing" means to pick and decide, because God has chosen and decided for us what we have, so we don't have to be nervous about clinging to anything or complaining about what we don't have, and the glorious end of God's plan of redemption is to 'make him sovereign' (v.9). The way of the cross is the way to the "highest" Lord Jesus who said, "If I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself" (John 12:32). The Lord Jesus, according to the will of God the Father, "humbled himself unto death, even death on the cross." Therefore God exalted Him to the highest." Our Lord has risen from the dead and ascended to heaven, and then He has brought down the Holy Spirit, which is represented by the river. Now the Holy Spirit dwells in all of us who believe; From our belly rivers of living water flow. Today Christians are not praying on this mountain, nor on that mountain, but there is a mountain in each of us Christians, and the Holy Spirit has come down, so that those of us who believe in the Lord can flow rivers of living water from our wombs.

"Glory" means exaltation, that is, God will lift us up, and God will plan, choose, and determine and elevate us for us, and we will run our lives on the foundation that God is the great King of the earth. We can cry out to God in a voice of victory," there is nothing to worry about and fear, and we can rejoice and be excited every moment. When we see that our God is great, our problems are as small as dust, and nothing bothers us. The psalmist realizes that God is the Most High, and that only when man truly knows that God is the Most High can he sing praises to God in his spirit. Let us meditate until we see in our hearts that God is the Most High, the ruler of the earth. When we continue to worship God, we may even see God's eternal plan. Not only is God powerful, but all the kings of the world exalt Jesus Christ, and when we know that God rules all things, we can be joyful, positive, and powerful in all things.

Let's pray:

Dear Abba Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for being King of the earth. You are worthy of all honor, glory, and praise, for you created the heavens and the earth, and for us. Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you that because of your sacrifice we have been able to make a covenant with God and return to the Father's arms. May we live your life every day, witnessing to the world with yourselves that you are rulers over the earth and rulers over all things with righteousness, love, and faithfulness. May your kingdom come soon, and may all the nations proclaim with a loud voice that you are Lord and that you are king.

Pray and thank you in the holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

## **Psalm 47**

### **God the King of the Earth.**

**To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.**

**47 O clap your hands, all you people;  
Shout to God with the voice of triumph *and* songs of joy.**

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**For the Lord Most High is to be feared [and worshiped with awe-inspired reverence and obedience];  
He is a great King over all the earth.**

3

**He subdues peoples under us  
And nations under our feet.**

4

**He chooses our inheritance for us,  
The glory *and* excellence of Jacob whom He loves. *Selah.***

5

**God has ascended amid shouting,  
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

6

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

7

**For God is the King of all the earth;  
Sing praises in a skillful psalm *and* with understanding.**

8

**God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on His holy throne.**

9

**The princes of the people have gathered together as the people of the God of Abraham,  
For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
He is highly exalted.**

### **Psalm 47**

**Psalm 47 is a hymn of praise and a declaration of God's sovereignty over all the earth. It is often seen as a psalm of enthronement, focusing on God's universal reign, His victory over the nations, and His special care for His people, Israel. The psalm calls upon all nations to praise and acknowledge God as the King of the universe, pointing forward to the ultimate time when all peoples will recognize His authority.**

#### **Structure of Psalm 47:**

##### **1. The Call to Praise (Verses 1-2)**

- **The psalm opens with an enthusiastic call to the nations to praise God, with the imagery of clapping hands and shouting in joy.**
- **The reason for this is God's supreme reign and His majesty as the "Most High" (verse 2).**

##### **2. God's Victory and Dominion (Verses 3-4)**

- God is depicted as having subdued the nations under His feet and as the one who has chosen Israel as His special inheritance, signifying His protection and care for His people.
3. **The Ascension of God (Verses 5-6)**
- Verses 5 and 6 describe God's ascension with joyful sounds, where He takes His place as King over the earth.
  - This symbolizes God's enthronement, His power, and authority over all creation.
4. **God's Sovereignty and the Gathering of the Nations (Verses 7-9)**
- The psalmist declares that God is the ruler of all nations, sitting on His holy throne. All the leaders of the nations will eventually gather before Him, acknowledging Him as the rightful King.
  - God's protection is compared to a shield, symbolizing His care for His people and His sovereignty over the earth.
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#### **Key Verses of Psalm 47**

1. **Verse 1:**

*“Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!”*

- This opening verse is an invitation for everyone—“all you peoples”—to respond with exuberant joy and praise. The imagery of clapping hands and shouting in victory reflects the recognition of God’s supreme rule.

2. **Verse 2:**

*“For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.”*

- Here, God's majesty is emphasized as the "Most High," meaning there is no one above Him. This verse highlights God’s universal kingship and sovereignty over all nations and peoples.

3. **Verse 3:**

*“He will subdue the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.”*

- This verse expresses confidence in God’s victory over the enemies of Israel, symbolizing God’s triumph over all opposing powers. For believers, it is a reminder that God fights for His people and grants them victory.

4. **Verse 6:**

*“Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!”*

- The repeated command to sing praises emphasizes the importance of worshiping God. It encourages both individual and communal praise of God for His kingship and greatness.
5. Verse 7:  
*“For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with understanding.”*
- This verse reinforces the global scope of God's reign. The psalmist calls for worship with “understanding,” meaning that praise should not only be outward but also accompanied by a deep recognition of God’s power and authority.
6. Verse 8:  
*“God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.”*
- This is a strong declaration of God’s sovereign rule over all the nations of the earth. The “holy throne” emphasizes His holiness and righteousness as the ruler of the world.
7. Verse 9:  
*“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.”*
- This final verse expresses the ultimate reality of the nations and rulers gathering to acknowledge God’s supremacy. The reference to the “shields of the earth” signifies that all protection and power ultimately belong to God, and He is to be exalted above all.
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## Spiritual Influence and Application of Psalm 47

### 1. God's Universal Sovereignty:

- Psalm 47 affirms that God is not only the King of Israel but the King of the entire earth. This is a reminder that God’s sovereignty is universal. No political power, nation, or ruler is beyond His control. For believers, this should provide great comfort, knowing that no matter what happens in the world, God remains in control.
- **Application:** As Christians, we are called to recognize God’s sovereignty in all aspects of life—whether in personal trials or global events. Trusting in His rule can provide peace in uncertain times.

### 2. The Call to Worship and Praise:

- The psalm opens and closes with a strong call to praise. The people are urged to respond to God’s greatness with joyful worship. This reflects the deep

connection between recognizing God's greatness and responding with adoration and praise.

- **Application:** Worship is not just a private or individual act but is something that should involve the community of believers. The psalm calls us to praise God with understanding, not just with emotion but with an awareness of who He is and what He has done.

### **3. God as Protector and Defender:**

- In verse 3, God is described as one who "subdues the peoples" under His feet, implying His role as protector of His people. The "shield" metaphor in verse 9 suggests that God provides security and defense for His people.
- **Application:** As believers, we are reminded that God is our ultimate protector. In the face of spiritual, emotional, or physical threats, we can take comfort in God's protection and His ability to deliver us from all harm.

### **4. The Future Fulfillment of God's Kingdom:**

- The psalm contains a prophetic element: it speaks of the nations gathering to acknowledge God's kingship (verse 9). While this may have applied to Israel's enemies, it also points forward to the future day when all nations will ultimately recognize God's rule.
- **Application:** For Christians, this is a reminder of the future hope of the Kingdom of God. While we live in a world where God's rule is not fully acknowledged by all, we know that the day will come when every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11). This should inspire hope and urgency in evangelism.

### **5. God's Victory and the Assurance of His Final Triumph:**

- The psalm speaks of God's final victory over the nations, where He will subdue them and establish His reign (verse 3). This is an assurance that God's ultimate victory is certain.
- **Application:** As Christians, we are called to live with the confidence that God will ultimately triumph over all evil. In the midst of struggles and challenges, we are encouraged to stand firm in the knowledge that God's victory is assured, and His final kingdom will come.

### **6. The Importance of Praise in Christian Life:**

- The repeated call to "sing praises" emphasizes the centrality of worship in the life of faith. Praise is not just a response to God's blessings but a recognition of His greatness and power.

- **Application: We are called to cultivate a lifestyle of praise and worship, not just in church gatherings but in our everyday lives. Our attitudes and actions should reflect the joy and reverence we have for the God who reigns over all.**
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**Conclusion:**

**Psalm 47 is a powerful declaration of God's kingship, His sovereignty over the nations, and His care for His people. It calls all people, regardless of nationality, to recognize and worship God as the ultimate King. The psalm encourages joyful praise, confidence in God's protection, and hope in His final triumph. For Christians, it reminds us to live in the awareness of God's global reign, to worship with understanding, and to trust in His ultimate victory. It invites us to live with hope, knowing that one day every nation will acknowledge His sovereignty, and God's rule will be fully realized in the world.**