



The Ascended King of the Nations

47th in the “Psalms” Series

Psalm 47

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Introduction

In this Psalm, we are given the prophetic announcement of the Ascension of Jesus Christ.

The Ascension of Jesus:

Acts 1:9-11 – ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

With the help of Psalm 47, we can grow in our understanding of the Ascension of Jesus.

1) The Ascension establishes Jesus as the reigning King over all rulers and powers in all ages.

Ephesians 1:20-21 – ²⁰ ...he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

2) The Ascension gives Christians access to God’s throne for mercy and grace.

3) The Ascension means Christians already belong to heaven because of our union with the ascended Jesus.

Colossians 3:1, 3-4 – ¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ... ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Response

Sing praises to the ascended Jesus, for he is the King of all the earth who reigns over the nations!

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues that need clarification.

- 1) What is the ascension of Jesus, and do you consider it to be just as important as the death and the resurrection of Jesus? [If not, you should!]

- 2) Why does Psalm 47 have so much celebration and praise, and what does that teach us about the ascension of Jesus?

- 3) Read Ephesians 1:20-21. How does the apostle Paul describe the authority, power, and reign of Jesus in a similar way to Psalm 47?

- 4) What would make the church interpret this Psalm as a prophecy of the ascension of Jesus, and how does the New Testament's revelation help make the connection?

- 5) How does the fact that "God is seated on his holy throne" (v. 8) give you encouragement and strength in your life and for the world today?

- 6) Psalm 47 expects God to be praised and acclaimed. In what ways do Christians and the church give praise and acclaim to God, and do we give God enough praise?

- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Mark 16:19 (Mon); John 20:17 (Tues); Acts 1:9-11 (Wed); 1 Peter 3:22 (Thurs); Hebrews 4:14 (Fri).