

The Psalms: Structure, Content & Message
Sunday Morning Bible Study
Chapter 9 – Enthronement Psalms

INTRODUCTION

- Introduction: Page 109
- Enthronement Psalms: 47, 93, 96-99
- Common features
 - Introductory shout, “The Lord reigns” or “The Lord is king”
 - Special emphasis put on the reign of Israel’s God over the entire world
 - Coming judgment on the nations and royal reign of God

PSALM STUDY

- **Psalm 93**
 - Praise of God’s majesty (vv. 1-2)
 - Account of Yahweh’s victory over hostile forces (vv. 3-4)
 - Praise of the law and of the temple (v. 5)

- **Psalm 97**
 - Description of God’s epiphany (vv. 3-5)
 - Words of praise, which exalt God over the gods, and an exhortation to hear God’s voice (vv. 6-12)

- **Psalm 99**
 - Introductory call expanded by praise of God (vv. 1b-4)
 - Elements of descriptive praise and instruction from history (vv. 5-9)

- **Psalm 96 & 98**
 - Psalms of descriptive praise
 - Expanded by the motif of the royal reign of God and the announcement of God’s advent as Judge of the world (96:13; 98:9)

- **Psalm 47**
 - Alludes to the inauguration of the royal reign of God

DISCUSSION

- Is this type of psalm largely absent in our churches? Why?
- What comfort can we have knowing that God is on the throne of heaven?