

PRAYING PSALM 97

“The Lord reigns...” (Psalm 97:1).

The Lord is in control. Jesus is God’s exalted King. 1. THE ASSURANCE OF THE LORD’S REIGN (1-2). The earth can rejoice, because Christ reigns in Heaven. The earth can rejoice, because Christ will reign on earth. The foundations of Christ’s reign are righteousness and justice. 2. THE EFFECTS OF THE LORD’S REIGN (3-12). First, the effects on His enemies (3-9). Fire will destroy His enemies. The earth will tremble. The mountains will melt like wax at His presence. His enemies will be put to shame. Second, the effects on His Friends (10-12). He will preserve the souls of His saints. He will deliver the saints out of the hand of the wicked.

The psalm concludes by saying “give thanks.” Thank God that He reigns in Heaven now. When you can’t observe it, God is in control. Remember that, and rejoice in that knowledge. Give thanks, because righteousness and justice will come to earth when Jesus comes. Give thanks that Christ will finally deal with His enemies when He returns. Justice will not come until Jesus comes. Pray for that day. The Scripture encourages you to do that.