

Sing Praises To God Psalms 47
To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

Ps 47:1 ¶ "O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. 2 For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. 3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah."

"O clap your hands, all ye people;" Clap has several definitions: to literally clap your hand by slapping them together: to become bondsmen by the clasping of hands together, which is like today shaking hands with someone to for a covenant promise. A picture of the reason the church extends the right hand of fellowship to those who are joined thereto.

"shout unto God with the voice of triumph." Only God's people can shout with the voice of triumph. Why? Only God's people, once born again are victorious and triumphant.

"For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth." Terrible does not mean something bad as we associate the meaning of the word today. Terrible means that God is over all and is to be revered to the utmost, else we will find out the terribleness that God can bring upon us, which would be to damn us to the eternal lake of fire. But, for God's people, God is terrible, greatly to be revered, because he has rescued us from the awful fate of the eternal lake of fire, and made us acceptable to him through the penalty of sin paid for by Jesus Christ on our behalf.

"He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet." This reminds us of what we are told in the New Testament in:

- **Mt 19:28 "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."**
- **Lu 22:30 "That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."**

Just as God did subdue the nations that inhabited the land of promise unto Israel, God has subdued all the nations of the earth to be in subjection to God and his people. But God's people do not rule upon the earth some will say. Let me ask you this question: When you are born again, who is ruling over your heart and mind? Jesus Christ is ruling, from the Christ within you, having filled you with the Holy Spirit. God has a people from all over the earth as seen in: **Re 5:9-10; 9 "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."** Whereby, we see the prophetic picture of God's people ruling upon the earth: not necessarily as governments but as individuals who have overcome the flesh nature, through the new birth, and are manifesting the newness of life in Christ. It is a picture of the kingdom of God on earth.

"He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah." God has chosen our inheritance, which is to be in the eternal kingdom of God, not only on earth, but especially in eternity. Jesus has told us: **Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."** Jesus affirmed this in: **Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."**

5 ¶ "God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. 7 For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. 8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. 9 The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted."

"God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet." Many commentators associate this text with King David bringing the ark to Jerusalem, and others with King Solomon bringing the ark to the temple, which could easily apply in either circumstance.

We see here a prophesy of Christ and his ascension. What do you mean? Scripture does not say that Christ shouted as he ascended. That is true but scripture does say in: **Ac 1:11 "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why**

stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." We know that when Jesus returns, he will return with a shout, seen in: **1Th 4:16** *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"* Wherefore, we can ascertain that he also went away with a shout.

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There can be no doubt, in the mind of a Child of God, that we are to sing praises to our God. We see the kingdom of God upon the earth, and the commandment of God to them to sing praise to God, so that all the world may see and know that there is a God in heaven who is to be worshipped and praised.

Who is God speaking of in **"even the people of the God of Abraham:"** Did you ever notice that God made his covenant with Abraham before the circumcision. This tells us that God's promise to Abraham is to both Jew and Gentile, as seen in: **Ge 15:5; 4** *"And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. 5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness."* We also know, that the inheritance of this promise would come to fruition, through the selection of the nation of Israel, to be first manifested as God's chosen people, who would inherit a land of promise, seen in: **Ge 15:13** *"And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance."* This text was the prophecy of Israel being in captivity in Egypt. It was thought this prophesy, that the lineage which leads to Jesus Christ comes, and eventually, when Christ came to earth and established the church, the grafting in of the Gentiles.

It certainly gives us the eternal perspective of Christ Jesus's return, and the gathering of all God's people unto himself, and carrying them to the eternal place he has prepared for them. Wherefore, all of God's people should be clapping their hands in fellowship one with another. They should be shouting with the voice of triumph through Jesus Christ. They should be singing praises to our King, Jesus Christ, that ruleth and reigneth in the heavens and upon the earth.

This is why we gather at places like Mars Hill Church to worship and praise our redeemer God, Saviour, and King. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!