

## "He is greatly exalted" through the workmanship of His hands

Psa 47:1-9

At first glance, this particular Psalm seems pretty straight forward and for the most part it is, however it does contain wisdom and insight as to why we praise God, and how it is through that action of praising Him that our heavens are opened to His grandeur and love for us. We are sanctified through this gift of giving thanks and praise to God and it is evident from the start to the finish of His creation that we are to give thanks and praise to God for all that He is accomplishing through us and for all of humanity.

We know that God does not need our praise, nor does He need our prayers but rather they are given to us of God so that we can come to understand and know our Creator and our Savior which is what will lead to eternal life (Joh 17:3 , Joh 6:68).

God does not grade or quantify our praise by any physical merit but rather looks on the heart, that He is making contrite and humble (Eph 2:10 , Isa 66:2) so that our praise is prayerful and done with understanding as stated in (Psa 47:7).

So praising God is a means that He gives us to help us paint not just an intellectual picture of God by what we say, but hopefully the words are elevated within us as we experience this gift of worship that eventually becomes a natural part of our walk with the Lord (1Th 5:18).

It is in fact Christ working in us both to accomplish the will of God which is to worship our Great God in spirit and truth so that we can grow in our appreciation of His greatness and love for all of His creation (Heb 13:15 , Joh 4:24).

Heb 13:15 **By him** therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love ("**in spirit**" Rom 5:5), may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

To worship God in **spirit and truth** is something that is not given to many people today. We may worship God with the best of intention and desire to know our Creator, but God alone decides the time when those words of praise and worship that come forth from our mouth are true and not tainted with the heresy which we all start off with, in other words speaking the truth or singing or praising God with the truth in love (Eph 4:15).

We cannot sing our way or praise our way into the kingdom, however the result of coming to understand God's mercy and deliverance both from a wood hay and stubble experience to a more profound deliverance from powers and principalities which we wrestle against on a day to day basis does bring us to want to thank God and praise Him for these incredible works that he is doing unto the children of men. Even this thankfulness is not ours as demonstrated in this

verse that shows us that we are not initially grateful for the wonderful works that God does in our lives ([Luk 17:17](#)).

We praise God for the Corner Stone as these verses below remind us of the workmanship that we are of God's hands as the Lord authors and finishes this process of grace and faith which is working within the elect today ([Heb 12:2](#)).

[Job 38:6](#) Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;

[Job 38:7](#) When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

[Job 38:8](#) Or *who* shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, *as if* it had issued out of the womb?

*(speaking of when Christ was a young child)*

[Luk 2:29](#) Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

[Luk 2:30](#) For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

[Luk 2:31](#) Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

[Luk 2:32](#) A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

[Psa 28:7](#) The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

[Luk 1:41](#) And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

We can see that part of the process of being sanctified is intimately connected with praise of God. The more we learn of His greatness the more we want to give thanks for the wonderful works he is doing unto the children of men.

Elisabeth hearing the salutation of Mary (voice of the true shepherd) is a shadow for us of how when we hear the voice of Christ in the church of God's elect which Mary represents the babe in us will leap for joy because we understand that we are part of our Father's workmanship, a workmanship that requires that Elisabeth another type of the church be filled with the Holy Ghost, so that Christ can be the author and finisher of our faith. The dream is one for both Elisabeth and Mary, however John who she will bear is only to be a type of the elect and Christ who Mary is bearing is whom John is always pointing to ([Joh 1:29](#)).

*(again in the book of Job we read)*

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It is when the foundations of Christ are being fastened within us and the corner stone laid in our hearts as the hope of glory that He is within ([Col 1:27](#)) that we like the morning stars sing together and shout for joy for this great work that God is doing within us, a work that He promises will be finished and that when the nations rage against Christ and His elect ([Psa 2:1-5](#), [Act 4:26-28](#)), God will shut up the sea with doors ([Rev 3:7-8](#)).

I pray God will open our heavens to tonight to understand the blessing and need we have to praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

[Psa 107:8](#) Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

[Psa 107:15](#) Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

[Psa 107:21](#) Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

[Psa 107:31](#) Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

### Tonight's verses:

[Psa 47:1](#) **To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.** O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

[Psa 47:2](#) For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth.

[Psa 47:3](#) He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

[Psa 47:4](#) He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.

[Psa 47:5](#) God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

[Psa 47:6](#) Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

[Psa 47:7](#) For God *is* the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

[Psa 47:8](#) God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

[Psa 47:9](#) 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.

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Everything we do we are to do to the glory of God ([1Co 10:31](#)), so when we clap our hands for that which we know Christ is working within us both to will and to do ([Php 2:13](#)), we are giving thanks to God for the work that He is doing in another particular member of Christ's body. We are not glorying in men, we are glorying and giving thanks to God for the wonderful works unto the children of men that we perceive.

Contrary to that, if someone comes to us with a false gospel, and that may even come in the form of music, we are obligated to not clap or give our amen to something that is not being done to the glory of God in truth and in love ([2Jn 1:10-11](#)).

When we shout to God with the voice of triumph, it proceeds from a place that is sincere and without guile, from a place where there is an abundance of His spirit which has been given and is welling up ([Luk 6:45](#)) like rivers of living water ([Joh 7:38](#)) that are clapping and bringing forth a voice of triumph unto God ([Psa 98:8-9](#)).

*any comments on this first verse?*

**Psa 47:2 For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.**

This verse alone witness to the fact that God is Sovereign over all the creation within and without and that God uses His power and might to bring the nations into subjection onto him. Those nations are within us and it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God who is "a great King over all the earth."([Heb 10:31](#)).

The word terrible h3372 in this verse is defined as such below:

- Original: ׳u1512 ׀par - Transliteration: Yare'

- Phonetic: yaw-ray'

- Definition:

1. to fear, revere, be afraid

a. (Qal)

1. to fear, be afraid

2. to stand in awe of, be awed

3. to fear, reverence, honour, respect

b. (Niphal)

1. to be fearful, be dreadful, be feared

2. to cause astonishment and awe, be held in awe

3. to inspire reverence or Godly fear or awe

c. (Piel) to make afraid, terrify

2. (TWOT) to shoot, pour

- Origin: a primitive root

- TWOT entry: 907,908

- Part(s) of speech: Verb

- Strong's: A primitive root; to *fear*; morally to *revere*; causatively to **frighten**: - affright be (make) afraid dread (-ful) (put in) fear (-ful -fully -ing). (be had in) reverence (-end) X see terrible (act -ness thing).

*any comments on this verse?*

**Psa 47:3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.**

We know that this is primarily speaking of the people within us and the nations within us, however there will be an outward fulfillment as well in both cases.

All of these verses can have both an inward and outward application, which speak to this subduing of people under us, and nations under our feet.

[Rev 7:9](#)

[Rev 5:9](#)

[Rev 10:11](#)

[Isa 64:2](#)

[Rev 3:9](#)

[Oba 1:21](#)

[Isa 2:2-3](#)

*any comments on this verse?*

**Psa 47:4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.**

It is wonderful to know that the Lord is going to "choose our inheritance for us" seeing He knows us today ([Rom 9:13](#)), He knows our form, our weaknesses and strength and it is God who is fashioning us in the likeness of His son and placing us in the body of Christ as it pleases Him ([Eph 1:11](#) , [Eph 1:18](#) , [1Co 12:18](#)). It pleases God because it is His good pleasure to bless us so that we can receive the kingdom of God in earnest today and be fashioned in Christ's likeness so that we can become His inheritance which is in the saints ([Luk 12:32](#) , [Eph 1:18](#)). The greatest giver of all is our Father in heaven and He is most blessed because it is more blessed to give than to receive ([Act 20:35](#)).

*any comments on this verse?*

**Psa 47:5 God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

This verse is packed with symbolism for God's elect today, and for all the world who will one day see that we are one with our Father and Christ and therefore when God goes up with a shout, or the Lord with the sound of a trumpet it is speaking to these verses in Revelation as well, which are part of "the third woe [*that*] cometh quickly." When the work is done within the elect then judgement will begin to fall on the nations, which will be angry because God's wrath will have come to them ([Rev 11:15-19](#)).

[Rev 11:12](#) And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

[Rev 11:13](#) And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

[Rev 11:14](#) The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

The third woe is what brings us unto perfection, a perfection that is described as having a storehouse in our heavens of those things which will enable us to bring judgement upon the world. These are in fact the wonderful works that God is going to bring upon all the world in judgement which began upon the house of God ([1Pe 4:17](#)).

[Rev 11:15](#) And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

[Rev 11:16](#) And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

[Rev 11:17](#) Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

[Rev 11:18](#) And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

*any comments on this verse?*

**Psa 47:6 Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.**

Right after this verse speaking of going unto perfection, we come across this praise-filled verse which is the result of giving thanks for the work that God has accomplished within the elect, as we are now able to judge the nations in righteousness because of the righteousness of Christ which has been formed within us. We are praising God over and over for this wonderful gift to have a singleness of mind which is God and Christ mind, a mind of power, love and soundness which will be used to build a kingdom which shall have no end of increase or peace (2Ti 1:7 , Isa 9:7).

*any comments on this verse?*

**Psa 47:7 For God *is* the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.**

"Sing ye praises with understanding" goes back to what we talked about earlier in this study. The truth must fill the earth (sanctify them) in order for God's judgments to be in the earth, and it is the elect who will be used to make strait the ways of the Lord using a rod of iron which represents that truth (Isa 40:3). We will not compromise on that truth, and we'll have learned that the truth does set you free if you are granted to continue in it and become a disciple indeed (Joh 8:32).

*any comments on this verse?*

**Psa 47:8 God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.**

Christ and his body will sit on this throne (Rev 20:4), and judgement will go forth into all ends of the earth (Isa 26:9). This is how God will reign over the heathen, by using the Lord and His Christ as his strong arm to accomplish all the counsel of his will (Eph 1:11).

*any comments on this verse?*

**Psa 47:9 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.**

These princes of the people gathered together are a type of the elect who are gathered from the four corners of all the earth (Mar 13:27) and they are the shields of the earth, an earth that would be destroyed except for the elect sakes (Mat 24:22).

In all of this that is accomplished through the weak of the world, the not many noble brethren who are called, the unnatural branch, our God receives all the glory, and no flesh will glory in His sight as we come to see how "He is greatly exalted" through the workmanship of His hands.







