

Notes for the word section week beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July

## Psalm 47

**Read:** Psalm 47:1-9

### **Summary:**

This Psalm triumphantly declares God to be the great King over all the earth! The energy and excitement is evident from the first line where the writer encourages the people to 'clap your hands'!

### *All Peoples (v:1-4)*

The amazing thing about this Psalm is not what it tells people to do – praise God – but who it says to do it. The Bible teaches that every nation tribe and tongue will come to worship God. God is the eternal King; He will not grow tired, get out dated or be overthrown. This Psalm reminds us that God has crushed our enemies under His feet giving us victory and an inheritance to look forward to.

### *Sing Praise (v:5-7)*

Some believe that this Psalm was based around the events in 2 Samuel 6. The ark representing the presence of God has just been returned by the Philistines (the enemy) because it was too powerful for their god Dagon and is now being returned to the Temple (the place of God)... a wild celebration! Is this a type of Jesus? He came down to earth from heaven, secured a great victory before being taken up to Heaven. Surely this should stir us to celebrate!

### *God Reigns (v:8&9)*

The reign of God is a present reality rather than just a future possibility. The writer longs to see the establishment of the rule of God on earth for all to see. (Some say this Psalm is not a type of the ascension but the second coming when all will bow to God!) The Kingdom of God will bring about unity between people; the barriers between us have been removed in Christ and in humility we are now to consider others better than our self.

Ultimately the human king and divine king that we see pictured in Psalms is fulfilled in Jesus the great Eternal King and all people must stand in awe of Him!

### **Application:**

Pray for the nations.

As a church it is good to pray for:

Thailand	(Andy & Val)
India	(Project Hope)
Istanbul	(Andy & Jess)

You may like to choose another nation and get some facts and stir the group to pray. The following is a very helpful web site:

<http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/>