

GCFSM SUNDAY

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THE LORD REIGNS

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These days, there are many things happening that make it apparent that there is so much pain and suffering in the world. What is God doing or why does God allow these things to happen? Psalm 97 will help us to navigate these difficult situations in our lives.

The psalmist starts with the main idea of our sermon for today and that is the Lord reigns! Therefore, let the whole earth rejoice (v. 1)! God reigns and that is why we should rejoice! The psalmist then describes how all of creation is under His control. The clouds and darkness are around Him as He is described to be righteous and just (v. 2). He is in control of fire and lightning, and these are instruments of the Lord's justice and punishment. Because the earth sees this, it should be fearful (vv. 3-4)! In comparison to the mountains of the earth, they are nothing before God who is the Lord of all the earth (v. 5). Even the heavens proclaim how righteous God is. That is why all who worship others are put to shame because there is no one like God (vv. 6-7)!

God's people are glad and rejoice because of His righteous judgment. This is something that we, as God's

children, can take joy in, that His judgment is higher than any other kind of judgment this world can give. He alone can judge rightly and there is nothing that can compare to Him (vv. 8-9).

Therefore, those who love the Lord should do one thing - they should hate evil! They should turn away from it (v. 10)! This turning away will not be easy, it is something that is difficult to do. But, the Lord preserves and delivers His people! That is what should comfort us and allow us to persevere (v. 10b). As the people continue to obey and follow God, there is light and joy for the people (v. 11). So, we rejoice and give thanks to God! For He is righteous, indeed (v. 12)!

So, we trust in God that He reigns over all our struggles and pain and suffering. Not just ours, but the whole world! So, let us live life obeying the one who reigns on high! ✦



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

■ ENGAGING MINISTRY

Missions Seminar
**Serving the South:
Missions and Persecution
in Southern Philippines**
October 15, 2023 | 12:30 PM
Venue: Youth Center

Soon...

■ NXTGEN MINISTRY

Youth Fellowship
October 21, 2023 | 4:30 PM
Venue: Youth Center

Young Adults Crossroad
**InSync 2023: Finding
God's Calling**
November 3-5, 2023
CCT, Tagaytay

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