

Psalm 47: God is exalted



Psalm 47 (46) (Mode 1. 5....65 / 3.....23)

This psalm celebrates the enthronement of the king.

- 1Kings 1:38-40 – the coronation of Solomon,
- 2Kings 11:12 – the coronation of Joash.

echoes of the taking of the ark into the city of David

Clap your hands, all you peoples! (2Samuel 6).

Acclaim your God, singing for joy.

*For the Lord, the Most High, we must revere,
great king over all the earth.*

Fear • Awe in the presence of the sacred

- Fear of divine punishment

‘There is no fear in love.
Perfect love casts out fear;
for fear has to do with punishment,
and whoever fears has not reached
perfection in love’(1John 4:18).

great king over all the earth.

‘When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself’(John 12:32).

‘... that you may know what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe ... God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places ... And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all’(Ephesians 1:19-23).

‘I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing: To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!’(Revelation 5:13).

The Lord subdues peoples under us,
nations under our feet.

Our inheritance, our glory, is from God,
given to Jacob out of love.

God goes up with shouts of joy,
ascends to the blast of the trumpet.

Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our King, sing praise.

The carrying of the ark up through the city
to Solomon's temple recalls God's going up
from Egypt with his people.

For God is king of all the earth;
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on the holy throne.

The princes of the peoples are assembled
with the people of Abraham's God.

'I will make many nations of you (Abraham),
and kings shall come from you'(Genesis 17:6)

All the rulers on the earth belong to God,
to God who reigns over all.

- Jesus going up to Jerusalem (Luke 9:1)
- Jesus ascending to heaven (Ephesians 4:9-10)