

Our Awesome Coming King

Psalm 97

***The Lord reigns: a new development
for a timeless reality v9***

- covenant box arrival Ps 96; 1 Chr 16

- Christ's return at end of this age

v4 = Mat 24.27; v6 = Rev 1.7

joy and judgement

no bliss without judgement

1. The Awesomeness

of Christ's Return, vs 1-6

➤ ***a day of global joy v1***
for creation 96.11-13; Rom 8.19-22
and for church worldwide

➤ ***a day of unprecedented revelation***
- God is currently hidden v2
1 John 1.5; 1 Tim 6.16; Rev 1.16-17
as at Sinai Ex 19.9,16-19
- but all will see Christ's glory v4,6

- **a day of spontaneous combustion**
 - **for all God's foes v3**
God is a consuming fire
Ex 24.17; Dt 4.24; Is 30.27,30
 - **and for the cosmos v5;**
2 Pet 3.7-13
to make way for a new world
- **a day for righteousness to reign v6**
the foundation for Christ's reign v2
Heb 1.8-9

2. The Awfulness

of Christ's Rejection, v7

- **if we reject him now,**
he will reject us then Rom 2.8
Mat 10.32-33; 2 Thess 1.6-10
so, turn to him now! Ac 17.29-31
no shame for those who trust Jesus
Rom 9.33; 10.11; 1 Pet 2.6; Is 28.16

3. The Bliss of Belonging to Christ,

vs 8-12

*unimaginable, but revealed
to us in the Scriptures 1 Cor 2.9-10*

➤ *the joy of knowing that
evil has been banished forever v8
how long to endure it? 94.3,23;
not forever!*

Rev 20.10; 21.8,27; 22.15

➤ *the joy of knowing that
Jesus is supreme forever v9
Eph 1.19-22; Phil 2.6-11; Heb 1.6*

➤ *the joy of knowing
the Lord's protection forever v10
he guards, then saves
Rom 8.36; 2 Cor 4.8-11,16-18
John 10.27-29*

➤ *the joy of living in the light forever
vs10-11; John 3.20-21;8.12; 1Pet 2.9*

➤ *the joy of praising God forever v12*