

# JOY

**in the Lord's  
Justice**

Psalm 97



<sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! <sup>2</sup> Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

PSALM 97:1-2



<sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all  
around. <sup>4</sup> His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.

PSALM 97:3-4



<sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth. <sup>6</sup> The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

PSALM 97:5-6



<sup>7</sup> All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!

<sup>8</sup> Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

PSALM 97:7-8

<sup>9</sup> For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. <sup>10</sup> O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

PSALM 97:9-10



<sup>11</sup> Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

PSALM 97:11-12



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3. Therefore, in light of God's impending righteous judgment, pursue righteousness [vv. 10-12]

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