

## **Weekly Devotions: GOD IS SOVEREIGN 17**

### **Our God is the King of all the Earth**

Our God is not only Lord over those who belonged to Him. He is the LORD over all creation and the King of all nations whether the people of the world acknowledge His Lordship or not.

### **Read Psalm 47**

The psalmist praised God for He is the King of all the earth and people of all nations are invited to praise Him. The psalm envisions a day in which all nations will gather as His people to praise God Almighty (v. 9).

In this Psalm we have an anticipation of that climactic moment in Revelation in which the nations will be subdued before God and, we are told; “The kingdom of this world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever” (Rev. 11: 15).

Even though the people of the world now do not acknowledge God’s rule, He is their Ruler nonetheless; He sets up kings and dethrones them. As we looked at the history of the world, all the great civilizations, from Egypt, Rome, Greece, the British Empire, the Soviet Union, the United States of America, etc. were strong and victorious only for a period of time.

Only the Kingdom of God, Christ’s spiritual Kingdom, will last forever. The Kingdom of God is God’s rule over His people and He is calling out people from every nation, every condition in life and every race, to Himself. God’s reign is seen in the lives of each man and woman who turns to Him. Are you in His Kingdom and is God’s reign visible in your life? (Adapted from James Boice’s Expository Commentary on Psalms.)

### *Questions to ponder*

1. What did the psalmist say about God and how should His people respond?
2. If God is our King, we should approach Him with reverence and awe. How should this change the way you come into His presence every Sunday to worship Him? How should that also change the way you serve and live your life for the divine King?
3. We should honor the King with our lips. The psalmist repeatedly exhorted God’s people to praise Him (v. 6), which should not be limited to the time of worship every Sunday. How can you honor and praise God daily in your home, your place of work / study or wherever you are?