

MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH

NOTES:

'WHO'S IN CHARGE ANYWAY?"	Our King and His Throne

Psalm 97

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_____ that the LORD Reigns. (vv.1-2)

He reigns now in _____ glory. v.2 "Clouds and thick darkness are all around him..."

He reigns with _______. *v.2 "…righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. v.2*

The LORD reigns and has the	to do so. (vv.3-6)

_____ UP v.3

_____ UP v.4

_____ UP v.5

_____ UP v.6

If the LORD really does	reign and has the power to do so, then the right thing to do
is	Him. (vv.7-9)

This means ______ should worship God--even among the false religious systems and the idolaters of this age. v.7

Worship is evidence of one's belief in God's ______. vv.8-9

There are important implications for embracing the LORD's reign in our lives. (vv.10-12)

We ______ our lives with God's standard of righteousness—we chose a moral and ethical life. v.10a

*We experience*______ *and*_____. *v.10b*

We have a ______ for the future. v.11

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1) If the election season has made you anxious about the future, how does Psalm 97 give you stability and peace?

2) What areas of your life currently need a special awareness and/or appropriation of God's power?

3) Is your worship toward God an appropriate measure of your conviction of his power to reign, even over the difficult areas of life?

4) Do you know someone you are hoping will trust in God's salvation offered through placing faith in Christ? Take a moment to pray for them now. Ask God to give you the love and courage needed to plant some seeds this week.

5) If you've engaged with other believers over concern for the political climate of our day, look for ways this week to remind yourself and them that God is in control—and perhaps point them to Psalm 97 a source of confidence and assurance.

SONGS

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Giving Last Week: \$19,061.55 <u>Weekly</u> Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$1,431,561.67 YTD General Need: \$1,647,846

Altamont Expansion Fund (10/2): \$199,438.98

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