

Sermon Notes

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Main Text: Psalm 47

Providence Community Church

Title: THEOCRATIC PATRIOTISM

Sermon Description: Our message title today is meant to expose our humanistically induced level of discomfort with the government of God. One unique talk show host in our current atmosphere of political confusion is fond of saying: “Every government is a theocracy, its just a question of who your 'theo' (God) is.” By this he means, of course, the highest authority recognized in a society. Psalm 47 emphatically reminds us there is only one true highest authority and therefore, we His people owe our highest allegiance (patriotism) to the only legitimate King of Kings. In this inner-advent of sovereign history, we know it is just a matter of time before He asserts His rightful authority in such a way as to allow no contest. While this is a fearfully awesome historical reality – this Psalm, nevertheless, has paradoxical themes which remind us that almighty God subdues His enemies in 2 ways: 1. He crushes them under His feet and 2. He annexes them as His people. Let us Praise Him for His glorious grace remembering that we gather as the people of the God of Abraham on account of that second category this morning. According to Psalm 47, our great God is 5 times worthy of praise for His total rule.

Heading: The King of the Earth is Praiseworthy in His...

1. DOMINION (Ps 47:1-2,9, Ps 24:1-2)

- a. Means of praise
- b. King's domain

2. DESTRUCTION (Ps 47: 2-3)

3. DIVINITY (Ps 47:5-7)

4. DISTINCTIONS (Ps 47:4,9)

5. DEFENSE (Ps 47:9, Ps 46)

Close: We have exchanged the sword of David for the sword of the Spirit in our New Covenant context today. Our weapons are not (II Cor 10:4) of the flesh... but they still have divine power against strongholds. With our strategy and implements (Heb 4:12, Eph 6) we fight even more effectively to advance and proclaim the international authority of the ultimate sovereign: Jesus Christ, King of Kings.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Psalm overview	Dominion	Destruction/judgement	Divinity	Distinctions	Defense
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 47	Ps 24:1-2, 47:1-3	Ps 47: 1-4	Ps 47:5-7, Jn 12:12-16	PS 47:9, Deut 6:4-9	Ps 47:9, 46:1-6

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencexcrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Mat 18:21-35