### Psalms

## Chapter 97

A Psalm of David for when his [kingdom] was established.   
  
  
  
  
1Shout in joy, O earth, because the Lord reigns!  
 Let all of the islands be happy!  
 2For, although He’s surrounded by darkness and clouds,  
 On justice and judgments, He’s founded His throne,  
 3And flames shoot out from before Him  
 To consume His enemies in fire.  
  
4The lightning that He sent was seen by [all men].  
 They saw it, and it shook the whole earth.  
 5Like bee’s wax, the mountains have melted before Him…  
 Before the face of the Lord of the earth.  
  
6The heavens speak of His justice,  
 And His glory is seen by all peoples.  
 7So those bowing to carvings are shamed,  
 As are those who boast of their idols.  
 For, before Him, the angels bow to their feet!  
  
8Zion is happy and Judah’s daughters are shouting in joy  
 Over Your judgments, O Lord.  
 9For, You’re the Most High of the whole earth…  
 You’re higher than all other gods!  
  
10All those who are loving Jehovah  
 Must [learn] to hate what’s bad!  
 For Jehovah guards the lives of the holy,  
 And from the hands of sinners, protects them.  
  
11Upon the righteous, light is shining,  
 And those with straight hearts will have reasons for joy.  
 12So you righteous: take joy in Jehovah!  
 Remember and praise all His ways!