



SERMON NOTES

Let's Give God a Hand

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Psalm 47:1-4 (NLT)

1 Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise! **2** For the LORD Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth. **3** He subdues the nations before us, putting our enemies beneath our feet. **4** He chose the Promised Land as our inheritance, the proud possession of Jacob's descendants, whom he loves.

CLAPPING IN SCRIPTURE

"The trees of the field clap their hands" in praise to God" (Isaiah 55:12).

"The floods clap their hands ... at the presence of the Lord" (Psalm 98:8).

"All who hear the news ... clap their hands" (Nahum 3:19).

TWO GREAT TRUTHS OF PSALM 47

1. GOD IS _____

Contrary to the hubris of great nations they don't control their destiny God does because HE is KING over all the earth!

2. GOD'S CITY IS _____

Every King's Kingdom has a capital and God's is Jerusalem.

Psalm 46 and 48 call Jerusalem God's city.

(Psalm 46:4), "the city of God."

(Psalm 48:1, 8), "the city of our God."

(Psalm 48:2), "the city of the Great King."

(Psalm 47: 5, 8) speaks of God "ascending amid shouts of joy," to be seated "on his holy throne." In no other city than Jerusalem which is implied in Psalm 47.

Work for a cause, not applause.

Live life to express, not to impress.

Don't strive to make your presence noticed;
just make your absence felt.

--Unknown.