What May Be Escaping You & How To Find It (Psalm 97:6)

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INTRODUCTION

- Where is the promise of his coming? All continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.
- The problem that we have with faith is that things like that escape our notice. People don't live as they should because they're not seeing things the way they really are.

1 God Is Very Present and Active: The Lord Reigns

Psalm 97:1–6

- God's not detached from his world. God has not gone off and left it in a spin out of control. God is very present and active in our world.
- God has provided ample evidence that he does, that this is his world, that he has been powerfully active in history to demonstrate his reliability and trustworthiness.
- Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. God is right and God is just.
- When we start questioning God's presence, his reality and his power, and that he reigns, we've gone down a very dark path that will lead to all sorts of erroneous conclusions.

2 Let All Be Ashamed Who Serve Graven Images

Psalm 97:7; Psalm 27:4

- Number one, in verse 7, let all those be ashamed who serve graven images.
- The created thing is exalted to a place of importance that's far above the one that created it.
- We need to be ashamed to exalt the created above the creator. We should instead be thankful for opportunities like this.
- One thing I have asked from the Lord that I shall seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

3 Hate Evil, You Who Love the Lord

Psalm 97:10; Psalm 119:104; Proverbs 8:13

- And then in verse 10, what is the response to who God is? Hate evil. Hate evil, you who love the Lord.
- You can't do a two step with the world. And be in love with God on Sundays.
- We should be repulsed by that which is an affront to the holiness and character and goodness of our God.
- From thy precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way.

4 He Preserves the Souls of His Godly Ones

Psalm 97:10–11; Acts 12

- He preserves the souls of his godly ones. There is no real preservation without him.
- God is taking care of that which is ultimately valuable, and that is our spiritual life. Our souls.
- God knows what's going on in the lives of his people. He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- This is what God does for the righteous. He just throws light around for us and says, This is the way you should conduct yourself.

5 Be Glad in the Lord, You Righteous Ones

Psalm 97:12

- Be glad in the Lord. You righteous ones. I want to suggest to you that's a choice not based on ideal circumstances.
- This simply boils down to a proper outlook on things. A wise and informed way to view the life of faith.
- Your circumstances haven't changed one iota. It's just the way you're looking at things.
- One of the things that happens in these assemblies is that my perspective gets altered.

6 Give Thanks to His Holy Name

Psalm 97:12

- Acknowledging the good in life has a tendency to amplify positive emotions such as joy and contentment.
- And even more do we appreciate our spiritual affluence. What we have in this place, in these people, in this time.
- Gratitude, it is believed by the expert to even foster resilience in regard to the difficult circumstances of our lives. In everything, give thanks.
- These are the things that may be escaping us so that we do not experience being in the Lord the way we should.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you embraced that which is truly life indeed? Come to the Lord while there's time and opportunity.

MY NOTES