

# Psalms 97:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD.

## Analysis

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Zion (representing God's people) hearing and rejoicing (samach) connects God's judgments with corporate worship. 'Judah' rejoicing 'because of thy judgments' (mishpatim) demonstrates that God's justice delights His people—we should celebrate when evil is defeated and righteousness vindicated. This communal joy in God's justice creates solidarity among believers and contrasts with worldly sorrow over sin's consequences. The daughter cities of Judah represent the entire covenant community sharing in worship.

## Historical Context

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Zion/Jerusalem was the worship center where God's people gathered to celebrate His mighty acts, creating communal memory and shared identity.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How can you rejoice in God's judgments against evil while also showing compassion to those experiencing consequences of sin?
2. What role does corporate worship play in your ability to maintain proper perspective on God's justice?

## Interlinear Text

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שָׁמַעַ הַ	וַתִּשְׂמַח חוֹן	צִיּוֹן	וַתִּגְלַלְנָה	בָּנוֹת	יְהוּדָה הַ
heard	and was glad	Zion	rejoiced	and the daughters	of Judah
H8085	H8055	H6726	H1523	H1323	H3063
לְמַעַן	מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ יְיָ	יְהוָה:			
H4616	because of thy judgments	O LORD			
	H4941	H3068			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 48:11** (Judgment): Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

**Zechariah 9:9** (Parallel theme): Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.