



Psalm 96

New International Version

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,
he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

"Christians are made, not born." Tertullian



Sermon Notes

Word CENTERED / Life CALLING / World CHANGING

What is your Life-Attitude

1. _____ Every part of life confirms "God is Good"
2. _____ Every part of life confirms: "I am god"

Our Top Priority: **Worship**: Aligning our Lives to God

1. It's not about your **FEELINGS**

Your true, authentic self, is deeper than your feelings. It is your deepest convictions based on long-term thinking that adds life to your years.
"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure." Jer. 17:9

2. We Begin with **GOD**

When you start with yourself, you'll never get beyond yourself.
When you start with God, problems give way to possibilities.

3. We Experience God's **GLORY**

We value God's opinion matters more than our own.

4. We Live in God's **KINGDOM**

Gospel: The Kingdom of God is at hand. The Kingdom of God is what life would be like if God had total control of every aspect of life.

5. We Focus on God's **REIGN**

In worship we move through the veil of brokenness and experience the Glory of God and our future joy.



Think about the greatness of God. What hymns come to mind that prompt you with the melody, the lyrics and reasons to praise him for the great things he has done?

Discovering the Word (Read Psalm 96)

- This psalm is divided up into four parts that are identifiable by repeated words or refrains: verses 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-13. What repetition do you see in each of these sections?
- What "marvelous deeds" (v. 3) come to mind that would prompt a believer to sing God's praises?
- Why is the Lord "most worthy of" (entitled to) praise (vv. 4-6, 10, 13)?
- Like an orchestra conductor that bids different sections to join in the ensemble, the psalmist bids different sections to join in the chorus of praise to God. How extensive or inclusive is this call to "ascribe glory to" (worship) God (vv. 7-13)?

Applying the Word

- In light of this universal call to worship, think of those around you and on the other side of the globe. What does this psalmist prompt you to do about those who don't know God?
- This psalm invites us to sing a "new song" declaring his glory to others (in witness) and ascribing glory directly to God (in worship). How would someone who is not musically inclined be creative in this kind of witness and worship?
- Let the joy of knowing God bubble up within you and burst forth in a "new song" of worship. Be spontaneous and let this psalm be the wellspring for singing out or jotting down words of praise. (Later see if you, or someone you know, could set those words to music.)

Responding in Prayer

Pray for someone who does not yet know God. Pray about inviting that person to join you in worship.

"Why do you hasten to remove anything which hurts your eye, while if something affects your soul you postpone the cure until next year?" — Horace