



# The Practice of Joy

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Week Four

# Through Singing



# Psalm 96



Sing a new song to the Lord;  
let the whole earth sing to the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
proclaim his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his wondrous works among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup> For the Lord is great and is highly praised;  
he is feared above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.



# Psalm 96



<sup>6</sup> Splendour and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
bring an offering and enter his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.

The world is firmly established; it cannot be shaken.



# Psalm 96



He judges the peoples fairly.”

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and all that fills it resound.

<sup>12</sup>Let the fields and everything in them celebrate.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy

<sup>13</sup>before the Lord, for he is coming —

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with his faithfulness.



# Through Singing



Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the saints.

**Psalm 149:1**



# Through Singing



I will be glad and exult in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**Psalm 9:2**



# Through Singing



Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright. Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre; make melody to Him with the harp of ten strings! Sing to him a new song; play skilfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**Psalm 33:1–3**





# Through Singing



Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Psalm 47:1**



# Through Singing



Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**Psalm 95:1–2**



# We Sing because of God's Glory!



For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendour and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**Psalm 96:5–9 (CSB)**



# We Sing because of God's Glory!



Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.

**Psalm 66:1–2**



In fact, we are hardwired to ascribe glory and praise to what we deem impressive. We feel wonder over a breathtaking vista, or shock and awe when our bones are rattled by rolling thunder. Giving glory is a natural human response to witnessing greatness, which is why our world is infatuated by celebrities.

– JR Vassar



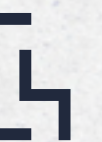
# We Sing because of God's Grace!



Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
proclaim his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,  
his wondrous works among all peoples

**Psalm 96:2–3**



# We Sing because of God's Grace!



<sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm have worked  
salvation for him ...

<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**Psalm 98:1, 4**



The true beauty of such a congregational choir is that our voices and our hearts are knit together in praise ... Your voice may not be of professional standard, but it is of confessional standard.

– Keith Getty





# We Sing because God Sings!



The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

**Zephaniah 3:17**



# We Sing because God Sings!



When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**Matthew 26:30**



# We Sing because all of Creation Sings



<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;  
let the sea and all that fills it resound.

<sup>12</sup>Let the fields and everything in them celebrate.

**Psalm 96:11–12**



# We Sing because all of Creation Sings



Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.



# We Sing because all of Creation Sings

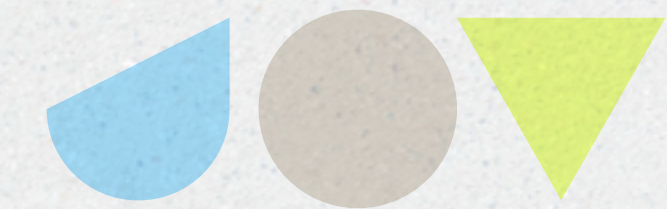


... the mountains and the hills before you shall  
break forth into singing, and all the trees of the  
field shall clap their hands.

**Isaiah 55:12**



# We Sing to Rehearse God's Truths to our Hearts



Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the Lord, for he is coming — for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his faithfulness.

**Psalm 96:13 (CSB)**



# We Sing to Rehearse God's Truths to our Hearts

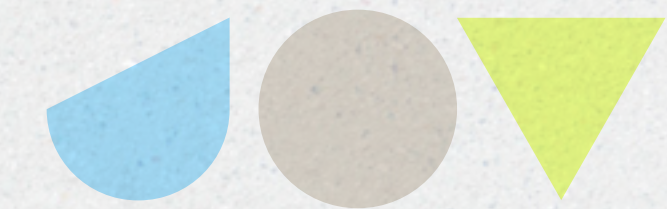


And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**Colossians 3:15–16**



# We Sing to Rehearse God's Truths to our Hearts



... be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart

**Ephesians 5:18–19**





## I Will Boast in Christ

*I will boast in Christ alone, His righteousness,  
and not my own.*

*I will cling, to Christ my hope. His mercy reigns,  
now and forever.*

*What can wash away my sins? Nothing but  
the blood of Jesus.*

*What can make me whole again? Nothing but  
the blood of Jesus.*

*Oh, precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow,  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*



So as we obey the command to sing, we are (or should be) unleashing a congregational sound of conviction—whether there are a dozen of us or thousands of us. If we aren't, our children or visitors looking on have every right to wonder if what we are singing is truly important to us. In this sense, our singing betrays the truth about us, for better and for worse.

– Keith Getty

