

Week 5

# THY KINGDOM COME

PSALM 98

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

- Book of Common Prayer, p. 236

## INTRODUCTION

Psalm 98 celebrates the coming of a new kingdom, ruled by a holy king who is also a righteous judge. His kingdom will rule over all the earth for all people, races, and nations. The crowning achievement for this rule will be a salvation that restores all creation to its intended state—free, joyous, and in perfect relationship with a loving, faithful God. Psalm 98 is a prophetic picture of the coming of Jesus to first-century Judea and Palestine and his triumphant return at the end of time.

# KEY VERSE

*“Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!”*

**PSALM 98:1**

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# GETTING STARTED

Have you ever attended a great celebration event—a wedding, an ordination of a minister or priest, or an inauguration of a president? What elements characterized that event? How do these ceremonies proclaim that something new is happening or that there is a status change?

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# ENCOUNTER THE WORD

**PAYING ATTENTION TO THE TEXT AND MAKING OBSERVATIONS**

**Read Psalm 98.**

1. Based on verse 1, what is the most marvelous thing God has done?
2. If the Lord is king (v. 6), what kind of rule does he establish, and where?
3. This king is also a judge (v. 9) who judges the whole earth—the world and its peoples. Describe the response to his judgment as exhibited throughout the psalm. Why do you think the recipients of judgment respond this way?
4. Who praises the Lord in this psalm?

# WATCH VIDEO

The video teaching can be found at [biblestudymedia.com/pilgrimspath](http://biblestudymedia.com/pilgrimspath).

## Video Notes

### BIG CONCEPTS:

- Heralding a new kingdom
  - The right hand and holy arm save.
  - The Holy Savior is the king.
  - The king will judge the earth.
  - The coming kingdom under Jesus
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# ENGAGE OUR HEARTS

## APPLYING SCRIPTURE TO DEVELOP INTIMACY WITH GOD

5. Verse 1 tells us that God's right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation. He alone has done this. What does his single-handed power suggest to you? (See also Isaiah 59:1,16.)
6. Why, in your opinion, did God work salvation for the world (v. 1–3)?
7. If you were telling someone else about the salvation of Jesus, what would you tell them about salvation based on the following Scriptures? (If you are in a group, you may want to divide these Scriptures among you.)

John 2:1–11  
John 4:1–30  
John 5:1–9  
John 9:1–7  
John 11:1–43

How do these scenes help answer question 6, in part?

8. In what ways was Jesus’s salvation and righteousness made known to the world (v. 2)?

Here are a few of the ways. (Feel free to pick and choose, look them all up, or add more.)

Matthew 2:9–12

John 3:22

John 10:23–25

Luke 12:1

John 18:20

John 19:19–22

Acts 2:1–14, 22–24

Acts 26:25–29

As Paul said in Acts 26:25–29, God’s salvation has not been accomplished in a corner. Why is it important to know this was done for everyone, everywhere?

9. What impact will the open, public knowledge of salvation in Jesus have on judgment day? (See John 9:35–41 and John 10:22–26.)
10. Have you found God’s salvation in Jesus? If not, would you like to pray now for God to reveal it to you in an obvious way?

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## ENCOURAGE OTHERS

### BEARING WITNESS TO JESUS IN THE WORLD

11. How would this psalm be an effective advertisement to others who do not know the Lord?
12. Describe the reason for so much joy in this psalm.

# PRAYERS

If you are doing this study as part of a group, you may want to share your prayer requests with each other. There is a Prayer & Praise Journal on p. 202 where you can keep track of your group's requests or write your own. Have someone close in prayer or pray the following prayer together.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.”*

**MATTHEW 6:9-13**