

## Psalm 96 Praise He who Comes to Judge the Earth!

1 Oh, sing to the Lord a **new song!** Sing to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Sing to the Lord, bless **His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation** from day to day. 3 **Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.** 4 For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; **He is to be feared above all gods.** 5 For all the gods of the peoples **are idols, But the Lord made the heavens.** 6 Honor and majesty are before Him; **Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.** 7 Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, Give to the Lord glory and strength. 8 Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. 9 Oh, **worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!** Tremble before Him, all the earth. 10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; **He shall judge the peoples righteously.**" 11 Let the **heavens rejoice,** and let the earth be glad; **Let the sea roar,** and all its fullness; 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the Lord. 13 **For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.** He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

**Psalm 96-100 Similar:** Worship God for His coming judgment

- **Author: David.** How do we know?
  1. David handed a longer version of this Psalm to **Asaph**
  2. Sung as Ark brought to Jerusalem [1 Chron. 16:23-33]
- **Why sing as Ark enter Jerusalem?**
  1. **Ark Represents** Presence of the Lord...here entering Jerusalem
  2. **Ark Denotes** Victory of the Lord over His enemies...Here total
- **Vv1-3 Theme of New Song:** Bless Name of God
  1. **Salvation:** heb. *yesh-oo'-aw* Good News of deliverance
  2. **Glory:** heb. *kaw-bode'* Proper weight vs things or less importance. rt. Heavy
  3. **Wonders:** heb. *paw-law'* Surpassing, extraordinary
- **V4-5 True God:** Feared among all gods.

**Jeremiah 10:11b...** "The **gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens.**"

- Aren't the gods of all religions the same the Living God of Israel? **No.**

**God is God.** All other so-called gods are demons

**Leviticus 17:7** They shall no more offer their **sacrifices to demons,** after whom they have played the harlot.

**1 Corinthians 10:20** ... the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they **sacrifice to demons** and not to God...

- **Vv 6-8 Give to the LORD:** Glory and Strength
- **Give:** Acknowledge with our Praise: **E.g.** As John describes the scene in Heaven...

**Revelation 5:11** Then I looked, and I heard the **voice of many angels** around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice: "**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!**" <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "**Blessing and honor and glory and power** Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

- **v9**

### **Worship the Lord in the Beauty [2x] of Holiness**

- **OT Holy:** heb. *ko'-desh* apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness

**1 Peter 1:14** [Do not conform] yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "**Be holy, for I am holy.**" [4x in Leviticus]

- **NT Holy:** gr. *hag'-ee-os* physically, pure, morally blameless **rt. Two Words**

1. ***hag-nos'*** Exciting reverence, venerable, sacred
2. ***khag*** Festival, feast, festival-gathering, pilgrim-feast

Living a holy life allows us the exiting privilege of feasting on the beauty of our God

- **vv 10-12**

As the Lord Reigns/Kingdom Comes...Heaven and Earth will Rejoice

**Revelation 11:15** [<sup>7<sup>th</sup>/last</sup> Angel] "**The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!**"

- **v11 Let the Sea Roar:** Here actual waves lifting up praise

**Psalms 69:34** Let heaven and earth praise Him, The **seas** and everything that moves in them.

- **Rejoicing in His judgment. Why?** Everything wrong is made right
- On earth as it is in Heaven...

**Revelation 19:6** And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "**Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!**"

**V13** For He is coming...for He is coming to judge the earth  
He shall judge the world with righteousness...The people of earth with His truth

- **Psalms 96** Praise He who Comes to Judge the Earth!

## **Psalm 97** The Presence of the Lord in Judgment

1 The Lord reigns; **Let the earth rejoice**; Let the multitude of isles be glad! 2 Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. 3 A fire goes before Him, And burns up His enemies round about. 4 His lightnings light the world; The **earth sees and trembles**. 5 The **mountains melt** like wax **at the presence of the Lord**, At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. 6 The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory. 7

Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods. 8 Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O Lord. 9 For You, Lord, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods. 10 **You who love the Lord, hate evil!** He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked. 11 **Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.** 12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

The psalmist's mind is saturated with old sayings, which he finds flashed up into new meaning by recent experiences. He is not 'original,' and does not try to be so; but he has drunk in the spirit of his predecessors, and words which to others were antiquated and cold blaze with light for him, and seem made for his lips." [Maclaren]

- **V1 Let the earth Rejoice:** Sounds like David again
- **Vv2-3 The Lord Comes** Earth humbled at Presence of the Lord
 

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| 1. Clouds/Darkness       | Surround Him  | Mystery of God  |
| 2. Righteousness/Justice | Flow from Him | Holiness of God |
| 3. Fire/Lightning        | Go before Him | Judgment of God |
- **Vv4-9 Heaven/Earth react to His Awesome Presence:** Immovable now moves
  1. **Earth** Trembles
  2. **Mountains** Melt
  3. **Heavens** Declare [Stars fall]
  4. **Idolaters** forced to their knees to worship Him

**Philippians 2:9b** [Jesus given the...] name which is **above every name**, 10 that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **Vv 10-12 Fear God:** You who love the Lord hate evil. Period.

**Psalm 34:7** The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who **fear Him**/delivers them.

**Psalm 34:14** **Depart from evil** and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

**Proverbs 8:13** The **fear of the Lord is to hate evil...**

**Amos 5:15** **Hate evil**, love good...

**Romans 12:9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. **Cling to what is good.**

- **vv11 Righteous/Upright:** Those who delight in what is Good/True will receive...
 

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| 1. <b>Light/Insight</b> | <b>Will Flourish</b> |
| 2. <b>Joy/Gladness</b>  | <b>Will Thrive</b>   |

**v12** Only because God clothed us in *His righteousness*  
Can we now look forward to being in *His presence*
- **Psalm 97** The Presence of the Lord in Judgment

# Psalm 98 Song for the Kingdom to Come

A Psalm

1 Oh, sing to the Lord a **new song!** For He has done marvelous things; **His right hand and His holy arm** have gained Him the victory. 2 The Lord has **made known His salvation**; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. 3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4 **Shout joyfully** to the Lord, all the earth; **Break forth** in song, rejoice, and sing praises. 5 Sing to the Lord with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, 6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. 7 **Let the sea roar**, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; 8 **Let the rivers clap their hands**; Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, 9 For **He is coming to judge the earth**. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

- Simply Designated **A Psalm**

**Psalms 96, 97 and 98** each hail God's coming as the world's King. But Psalms 96 and 98 soar with delight at what is in store for the world when God returns, while in Psalm 97 the frightening, awesome side of God's kingly rule is emphasized." [Boice]

A noble, spirit-stirring Psalm. It may have been written on the occasion of a great national triumph at the time; but may, perhaps, afterwards be taken up at the period of the great **millennial restoration of all things**. [T. Chalmers]

- **V1 Theme of this New Song:** Marvelous Things the Lord has done
- **Marvelous:** heb. *paw-law'* Surpassing what we think can be done

**V2 God's Arm Revealed:** Jesus first coming

**Isaiah 53:1** [Sin-Bearing Messiah] Who has believed our report? And **to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?**

**Luke 2:30** [Simeon] For my eyes have **seen Your salvation** 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples...

- **Vv4-6 Go tell it on the mountain:** Your sin can be forgiven/You can be clean
- **Correct Response?**
  1. Shout/Break forth into song
  2. Blow trumpet/shout joyfully before the King

Instead they crucified Him

**v7** The Sea Roared at Him/Earth Cursed Him

- **None the less: v8**

The Arm of the Lord will be revealed a Second Time  
Creation will rejoice as Jesus ushers in the Kingdom of Righteousness

**Isaiah 40:10** Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, And **His arm shall rule** for Him; Behold, **His reward is with Him**, And His work before Him.

**Isaiah 52:10** The Lord has **made bare His holy arm** In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

- **Rivers will clap** Because Jesus is coming to judge the earth
- **The hills will laugh** Because Jesus is coming to judge the earth

IOWs He is coming again to judge the earth  
Again the seas will roar/Again the Earth will curse...**and then they wont**

**Matthew 8:26** [Satan stirs up the sea/nations yet...]He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and **there was a great calm.**

- **Psalm 98** Song for the Kingdom to Come. Kingdom of great calm. Praise God.

## **Psalm 99** Holiness, Righteousness and Mercy of God

1 The Lord reigns; **Let the peoples tremble!** He dwells between the cherubim; **Let the earth be moved!** 2 The Lord is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples. 3 Let them praise Your great and awesome name— **He is holy.** 4 The King's strength also loves justice; You have **established equity;** You have **executed justice** and righteousness in Jacob. 5 Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His footstool— **He is holy.** 6 **Moses and Aaron** were among His priests, And **Samuel** was among those who called upon His name; **They called upon the Lord,** and He answered them. 7 He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them. 8 You answered them, O Lord our God; You were to them **God-Who-Forgives,** Though You took vengeance on their deeds. 9 Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our **God is holy.**

- **Vv1-3 Holiness of God 3x:** vv 3,5 and 9 end with He is Holy
- **3x: Father, Son and Holy Spirit:** Holiness of Triune God...

**Isaiah 6:1** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord of hosts; **The whole earth is full of His glory!**"

- **V4-5 Righteousness of God**

The Kings Strength also Loves Justice

**IOWs** God's judgment of sin does not diminish His Righteousness or Holiness **AT ALL**

- **V6** Moses, Aaron, and Samuel
  1. Called on God's Name
  2. God spoke to them
  3. The kept His Word and yet **they knew Him as....**

### **God-Who-Forgives**

- **Joseph/Daniel:** No sin mentioned

**Daniel 9:4b** ...O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, 5 we have sinned and

committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. 6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. 7 O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day...

**Romans 3:22** [There is a] righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

Moses, Aaron, Samuel, Daniel all understood...God is Holy and in themselves they are not  
All those who truly know God know Him as the God-Who-Forgives

- **Psalm 99** Holiness, Righteousness and Mercy of God

## **Psalm 100** Worthy of Joyful Service and Praise

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

1 Make a **joyful shout** to the Lord, all you lands! 2 **Serve the Lord with gladness**; Come before His presence **with singing**. 3 Know that **the Lord, He is God**; It is **He who has made us**, and not we ourselves; **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture**. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For **the Lord is good**; **His mercy is everlasting**, And **His truth endures to all generations**.

It is jubilant with confidence for the whole earth, as it contemplates the glory of that earth, when all its people are submitted to the reign of YHWH. [G.C. Morgan)

- **Vv1-2 Serve the Lord with Gladness**
- Sin not to serve w/joy/Curse for not serving the Lord with Gladness

**Deuteronomy 28:47** "Because you **did not serve the Lord your God with joy and gladness** of heart, for the abundance of everything, 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you..."

So...How serious is complaining about serving the Lord?

- **Vv 3 Three reasons** to serve with gladness: He is God/Creator/Shepherd
  1. He is our **God** heb. *el-o-heem'* Undisputable Master
  2. He is our **Creator** Intricate Designer

**Psalm 119:73** Your hands have made me and fashioned me...

**Psalm 139:13** For **You formed my inward parts**; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am **fearfully and wonderfully made**; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

3. He is our **Shepherd** Kindhearted Leader

**Isaiah 40:11** He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

- **V4 Therefore...**

**We will** enter His gates with thanksgiving/His courts with praise  
We will be thankful to Him and we will bless His Name

- **V5**

**For the Lord is Good...**

His Mercy is Everlasting/His Truth endures to all generations

- **Psalm 100:** Worthy of Joyful Service and Praise