

(9) *Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.*

IV. EXPECT HIS COMING (vs. 10-13)

(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."*

(Matthew 25:31-32; Matthew 25:33-34);
Matthew 25:41)

(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.*

(Revelation 5:13)

(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.*

(Jude 14-15)

First we worship the Lord.

Then we witness for the Lord.

Finally we eagerly wait on the Lord to come again!

Have you been born again?

Do you know Christ as your Savior and Lord?

May our worship change the way we sing, the way we sow, and the way we serve



SERMON SERIES: Looking Up! Reaching Out!

MESSAGE: Here I Am to Worship

TEXT: Psalm 96

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Our theme for the 2017 Church year is . . .

"Looking Up! Reaching Out!"

When I LOOK UP to the Lord and worship I will discover His heart and REACH OUT to those who are lost and without hope.

Psalm 96 is a call to tell the nations about God's glory and His great salvation.

It's a call to do three things:

To WORSHIP the Lord!

To WITNESS for the Lord!

And to then WAIT for the Lord's coming!

The Psalmist says true authentic worship will cause us to do four things...

It will cause us to...

I. EXALT HIS NAME (verses 1-2a)

(Psalm 96:1-2a) - *O sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. (2) Sing to the Lord, bless His name;*

When something's repeated in triplicate in Hebrew it's done to get not only our attention but to bring great emphasis and intensity to it.

(Isaiah 6:3; Ezekiel 21:27;
Jeremiah 22:29-30; Revelation 4:8)

Singing and worshipping God started at creation.

(Job 38:7) - *"The morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy."*

At the end of the age there will be even more worship . . .

(Revelation 15:3) - *"Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages."*

The Psalmist says we are to sing a *NEW SONG* to the Lord!

The Hebrew word for 'new' (*chadash*) has to do with the attitude of the heart.

We are to praise Him because He has done something new and fresh in our lives.

(Psalm 40:2-3; Psalm 33:3; Psalm 98:1;
Psalm 149:1; Isaiah 42:10; Psalm 144:9;
Revelation 5:3; Revelation 14:3)

We are to also bless His name as we praise Him.

II. EXTEND HIS KINGDOM (vs. 2b-3)

Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. (3) Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

We're told *HOW* to extend His kingdom... we're to proclaim His salvation.

We're also told *WHEN* to do it...day to day.

And, we're told *WHERE* to do it...among the nations.

III. EXPRESS HIS GREATNESS (vs. 4-9)

(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.*

There are at least four ways we can bring an offering to the Lord every week:

- 1) With our lips (Hebrews 13:15)
- 2) With our work (Hebrews 13:16)
- 3) With our finances (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- 4) With our lives (Romans 12:1)

(1 Chron. 22:19)- Let us set our hearts and our souls to seek You Lord...

(2 Chron. 7:14)- Lord, may we humble ourselves, praying, and turning from our wicked ways. Then we know You will hear us, O Lord, and forgive our sins and heal our land.

(Acts 26:18)- Open our eyes and turn us from darkness to light.

(PRAYER of Confession of Sin both Personally and Nationally)

2) PETITION to GOD

(1 Tim. 1:21)- Heavenly Father, I give thanks for our government for You birthed this great nation.

(1 Tim. 2:2)- I pray for all men and women having authority over us in any way.

(Prov. 1:23)-Pour out your spirit upon them and make Your Word known to them.

(Psalm 25:21)- Cause them to be men and women of integrity, obedient concerning us

(1 Tim. 2:2)- that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty.

(Prov. 2:10)- Let wisdom enter their hearts, and let knowledge be pleasant to them.

(Prov. 2:11)- Let discretion preserve them and understanding keep them.

(Prov. 2:12)- ...to deliver them from evil and evil men.

(Ps. 1:1)- Make their hearts and ears attentive to godly counsel...

(2 Chron. 20:32)-...doing what is right in Your sight.

(Prov. 2:21)-Let the upright dwell in our government

(Heb. 12:27)- Cause there to be a shaking in all areas

(Prov. 2:21)- Let those who are upright and blameless stay

(Prov. 2:22)- ...and cut off the wicked. Let them be rooted out.

(Heb. 3:13)- Soften the hearts that are hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

(Psalm 107:20)- Deliver them from their destructions.

(PRAYER of Petition to God for America)