

Sing to the Lord | Psalm 96

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Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. 3 Declare His glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! 4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. 6 Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, 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 holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth! 10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity." 11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; 12 let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy. 13 before the Lord, for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

1. WE SING BECAUSE GOD IS WORTHY OF IT

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"To Isaiah the violent contrast between that which is God and that which is not God was such that his very language suffered under the effort to express it." –A.W. Tozer

2. WE SING BECAUSE WE ARE COMMANDED TO SING IN SCRIPTURE

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2. WE SING BECAUSE WE ARE COMMANDED TO SING IN SCRIPTURE

- 400 references to singing in scripture
- 50 are direct commands for the people of God to sing.
- Commands are found in: Psalm 9, 147, 8. Isaiah 54, 1st Chronicles 16, Ephesians 5, and Colossians 3.

3. WE SING TO REMIND OURSELVES OF THE GOSPEL AND TO REHEARSE THE GOSPEL

16 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 3:16

2 Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

“If the gospel is supposed to be central to the Christian life, we should craft our worship services in such a way that they rehearse that story. Every week we should gather and remember that God is holy, we are sinners, and Jesus saves us.” – Mike Cosper

APPLICATIONS FOR WHEN YOU SING

- Sing. Actually sing to the Lord.
- Pray for this time of worship before you come here on Sunday
- Focus and meditate on the truths of the words you are singing.
- Use this time to remember and rehearse the Gospel through the songs we sing.