

Sing to the Lord Part II | Psalm 96

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REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

Why do Christians sing?

1. We sing because God is worthy of it.
2. We sing because we are commanded to sing in scripture
3. We sing to remind ourselves of the gospel and to rehearse the gospel

PSALM 96:3,7

3 Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

PSALM 96:10-13

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. SINGING DECLARES WHAT WE BELIEVE AND AFFIRM

13...He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

10...Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

"Let me make the songs of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws." –Andrew Fletcher

"Give me the songs of a church and I care not who makes its doctrine." (adapted)

2. SINGING PROCLAIMS THE GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS AND UNBELIEVERS

3 Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!

"Worship is the goal and the fuel of missions: Missions exists because worship doesn't. Missions is our way of saying: the joy of knowing Christ is not a private, or tribal, or national or ethnic privilege. It is for all. And that's why we go. Because we have tasted the joy of worshipping Jesus, and we want all the families of the earth included." -John Piper

"Let the glory of the Lord forever be a joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim

To the corners of the earth
That Christ has come” – “Let The Nations Be Glad” by Matt Boswell

3. SINGING IS HOW WE JOIN CREATION IN IT’S THEME OF PRAISE

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

Luke 19:37-40

As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

4. SINGING IS A MEANS OF DISCIPLESHIP

7 Ascribe To the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ephesians 5:19

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