

PSALMS

SERMON SERIES

This Weeks Sermon
“*A Song for all Nations*”
Psalm 96

Events Leading up to Psalm 96

1 Chronicles 15:1-3,11-16

After David had constructed buildings for himself in the City of David, he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it.² Then David said, “No one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, because the LORD chose them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister before him forever.”

³ David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring up the ark of the LORD to the place he had prepared for it.

1 Chronicles 15:1-3,11-16

¹¹ Then David summoned Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel and Amminadab the Levites.

¹² He said to them, “You are the heads of the Levitical families; you and your fellow Levites are to consecrate yourselves and bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel, to the place I have prepared for it. ¹³ It was because you, the Levites, did not bring it up the first time that the LORD our God broke out in anger against us. We did not inquire of him about how to do it in the prescribed way.”

¹⁴ So the priests and Levites consecrated themselves in order to bring up the ark of the LORD, the God of Israel. ¹⁵ And the Levites carried the ark of God with the poles on their shoulders, as Moses had commanded in accordance with the word of the LORD.

1 Chronicles 15:1-3,11-16

¹⁶David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their fellow Levites as musicians to make a joyful sound with musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.

Sing to the LORD x 3!

Psalm 96

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare Him to All People

Psalm 96

- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
- ⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe the Glory

Psalm 96

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
 aspire to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
 bring an offering and come into his courts.

“The Love of God is Greater Far”

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

~ Fredrick Martin Lehman

Tremble in His Presence

Psalm 96

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
 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 his holiness;
 tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.”

The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
 he will judge the peoples with equity.

“There isn’t any use for anybody to try to explain holiness. The greatest speakers on this subject can play their oratorical harps, but it sounds tinny and unreal, and when they are through you’ve listened to music but you haven’t seen God.”

A. W. Tozer, *The Attributes of God* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1980), 90.

Rudolf Otto calls it *mysterium tremendum* or awful mystery. "It may become the hushed, trembling, and speechless humility of the creature in the presence of - whom or what? In the presence of that which is a mystery inexpressible and above all creatures."

Rudolf Otto, *The Idea of the Holy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1950), 12-13.

Even the Creation Worships Him

Psalm 96

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
 let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
 let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,
 he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness
 and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Moral Injustice

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*Cosmological
Ontological
Teleological
Moral*

Colossians 2:9-10

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,
¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head
over every power and authority

Jesus

Worship Him

John 20:26-28

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus

Proclaim Him among all nations

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Jesus

Worthy of Glory

Revelation 5:9-10

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:
“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and
nation.

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to
serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”

Jesus

Tremble in His Holiness

Creation Worships Him

Mark 4:39-41

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Colossians 2:13-14

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Application

Sing to the Lord! - Worship Him

Proclaim Him to ALL People!

Recognize that He is Worthy of Worship!

He is Holy!

He is evident in His Creation!

Jesus is the only one that can forgive us of all our sins