Psalm 96, An Evangelism Psalm

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INTRODUCTION

- I wanted to focus on the evangelistic aspects of this psalm. For this truly is a psalm of evangelism. A psalm of proclaiming good news.
- If you look at 1 Chronicles chapter 16, this great song of thanks that David gives, beginning in verse 23, sing to the Lord all the earth.
- It's inspired by God, and it is a great psalm of praise. But as I mentioned, it is really a psalm of evangelism.

1 Sing, Tell of His Salvation, Declare His Glory

Psalm 96:1–3; Psalm 40:1–3; Isaiah 52:7

- So this is instruction to God's people to sing his praises, tell his good news, and declare his glory.
- A new song is simply a song based on a new experience with God.
- He put a new song in my mouth. A song of praise to our God.
- The idea of telling of his salvation or proclaiming is in essence the idea of what we would talk about evangelizing.
- How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace.
- If you think your God is this glorious, if he is worthy of you singing praises to his name, then tell that to the nations.

2 The Gods of the Peoples Are Worthless Idols

Psalm 96:4–6

- Proclaim it to others. Because they need it.
- You need to proclaim the praises of God to those around you, because those around you, the other nations, they are worshiping that which is worthless.
- Those idols will help them nothing. They cannot do anything, whereas opposed to Jehovah, he made the heavens.
- The idol which is worthless, but then you have God who is typified by splendor, majesty, strength, and beauty.

3 Ascribe to the Lord, O Families of the Peoples

Psalm 96:7–9

- We're no longer just talking about Israel who was to proclaim the tidings of God to the nations. Now the nations are being commanded.
- Well, the nations need to understand that there is a king on high. God reigns.
- They are to ascribe to the Lord the very qualities that could never exist in an idol.

- But if they will only know about Jehovah, then they can come to Jehovah and they can ascribe to him the true strength and glory that he possesses.

4 He Comes to Judge the Earth

Psalm 96:10–13; Romans 8

- Say among the nations, the Lord reigns. Yes, the world is established, it will never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.
- It's the idea of constancy in a world where there is no constancy, where everything is shifting and changing.
- There is the idea of joy, that all of creation will be joyous at the judgment of the Lord.
- The judgment of the Lord is something to be looked forward to because ultimately everything is made right.
- There's the imperative to me to follow him, to praise his name, because he will judge me.

5 Evangelism Begins With the God I Serve

- Evangelism does not begin with showing and telling people, oh, you're wrong because God said this and you're doing this.
- Evangelism begins with acknowledging in your own life, here is the God I serve.
- None of us will be successful evangelistically if we are not, first of all, proclaiming his praises in our daily lives.
- And then we can tell others about why. We can give an explanation for the hope that is within us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Come and ascribe to him the glory that is due to his name. Give your life to him. Have your sins forgiven. And if we can aid you in some way, won't you come, even as we stand and sing?**

MY NOTES