

"His Glory" Psalm 96 Broadcast January 8, 2023

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I would like to bring a message to you today from Psalm 96 titled, His Glory. That's what this Psalm speaks of, His Glory. Verse one, if you have your Bible and would like to read along, verse one says, "Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth. Sing unto the Lord, bless His name, show forth His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people, for the Lord is great and greatly to be praised. He is to be feared above all gods, for all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary."

"Give unto the Lord, oh ye kindreds of the people. Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Bring an offering and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Fear before Him all the earth, say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth. The world also shall be established, that it shall not be moved. He shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad, let the sea roar in the fullness thereof. Let the field be joyful in all that is there in then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord. For He cometh to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with His truth."

That's a beautiful Psalm, isn't it? That's a glorious Psalm. This is speaking of our God who is our Lord in Savior Jesus Christ. That's who our God is. That's who this Psalm is talking about. The Lord Jesus Christ, He is the God of the Old Testament who was and is and forever will be, the Lord Jesus Christ. In verse three right here said, "Declare His glory." Declare His glory, that's what we need to do. We need to declare His glory. The end of verse seven said, "Give unto the Lord glory and strength." Verse eight said, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name." That's what we are to do, and that's the desire of a child of God. That's what a child of God wants to do at all times, especially in worship. Every time we gather for worship, that's the deep desire of every child of God.

In our worship, we want to be fed. We gather around the word because we want to be fed, we want to be blessed, we want to be comforted, we want to be encouraged, but above all of that, we want Him to be glorified. We want Him to be praised and exalted. Isn't that what we want? All glory and praise be unto Him. That is the new song that God puts in the heart of His people. It cries not unto us, oh Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name, give all the glory. All the glory, I pray that He might be glorified today. I pray He might be praised today in our hearts. I pray He might be honored and exalted. I pray that God's Holy Spirit might put that new song. That's what verse one begins by saying, "Sing unto the Lord a new song."

And I pray that God's spirit might put that new song in us that cries all glory and praise to the lamb that was slain, who has born all our sins and has cleansed every stain. Hallelujah, thine the glory. Hallelujah, amen. Amen. That means so be it. That means I want it to be that way. All glory goes to Him. All of it. I pray that might be the case for us. There is an old song of the flesh. This song speaks of a new song, sing a new song. Well, there's an old song that man has by nature. This is the old song of the flesh, and here's what the old song cries. It cries, "All glory be unto me." Isn't that what the flesh wants? All the glory to come to me. All the praise be unto me, all the honor be unto me for what I have done for myself, what I have done for God and what I have done for myself. There's an old song of false religion, and that's what it says, what I'm going to do for myself to help myself and to help God.

Here's the new song of the Spirit, though. It cries, "His glory alone." When the spirit comes to a sinner and puts the truth in that sinner and quickens that sinner and causes that sinner to cry, that's what the sinner cries, all glory be unto Him. All the glory be unto Him. It's His work alone. It's not my cooperation with Him, it's not my anything, it's His work alone. It's all His credit alone. It's to His credit, it's His praise alone. Alone. And that's the key alone by Himself. I pray that that is the song that He has put in our hearts. I truly do.

Verse one says, "Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth." Verse two says, "Sing unto the Lord, bless His name, show forth His salvation from day to day." Verse three says, "Declare His glory among the heathen." That's all I want to do today. As we look at this together, that's all I want to do by His grace. Everything is by His grace, we're just going to declare His glory. By His grace, we're going to see, and in our hearts, we're going to sing. I pray we do this new song of His glory. That's our theme. His glory. His glory.

I don't know of a better, clearer physical example of an old song being changed into a new song than this right here. The old song of the flesh, again, I'll repeat it. The old song of the flesh says, "The glory goes to me." The glory goes to me. The new song of the spirit cries, ""The glory goes to Christ. All glory goes to Christ. And this is a beautiful example of this. There's an old song, and you probably know it. It's in many hymnals. Many people have sung this song throughout the years and the generations, but the song is called, I Surrender All. And this is how the song goes. These are the lyrics of the song. It says, "All to Jesus, I surrender. All to Him, I freely give. I will ever love and trust Him in His presence daily live." That's saying I'll keep myself there.

The song goes on to say, "I surrender all." Do we hear that, do we see that? I surrender all. All To thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all." That's the old song of the flesh. That's the song of false religion. That's the song that glorifies man for what man is going to do. If you want to know whether or not you're hearing the truth of God's word or the false religion of man, ask yourself this question as you're hearing the message being preached, ask yourself, "Who gets the glory? Who's getting the glory in this? Who gets the credit? Who's doing the work?" False religion says, "Now you have to do the work. This is on you. You better make your decision, and you better get to work."

The truth of God's word Christ, Christ made the decision. Christ accomplished the work. Christ did it all. That old song of the flesh cries I... All right, here's the new song of the Spirit that glorifies Christ. I know a man, I personally know a man who rewrote the words of that song I just quoted to you, and he made a new song out of it, and it's so good. Here's how it goes, "All for me, Christ did surrender. All for me, He freely gave. Holy one made sin for sinners, by his death, my soul is saved. He surrendered all." That's a big difference, isn't it? He surrendered all. All to be my blessed Savior, He surrendered all. Thank God, thank God. That right there is the declaration of His glory, His glory. It's all about His glory. Salvation is all about His glory. Heaven is all about His glory. Everything is all about His glory.

Verse two, here in Psalm 96, it says, "Sing unto the Lord, bless His name, show forth His salvation from day to day." Sing unto the Lord, bless His name. Oh, the glory of His name, the glory of His name. What is His name? His name is Savior. His name is Salvation. Psalm 21:5 says this, it says, "His glory is great in thy salvation." So great, His glory is so great, and it's all. It's everything in salvation. That's His name, Savior. That's His name.

Verse two says, "Sing unto the Lord, bless His name, show forth His salvation from day to day." Declare His glory in that. All glory belongs to Christ in salvation, all glory. If we want to talk about salvation, we need to talk about Christ. He is salvation. He accomplished salvation. He gets all the glory in salvation. Verse three says, "Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people. His wonders among all people, His wonders. All the glory of His providence. The glory of His providence." All of these wonders that are taking place, we see things in the news, and we see things all over these wonders that are taking place. All of these wonders are His wonders, all of them. They're all His wonders. Let's not ever forget that. We need to never forget to declare that.

If you are following along with me, you can hold your place right here and turn over to Genesis 50. Over in Genesis chapter 50, this is the story of Joseph and Joseph's brethren, if you know the story of Joseph, here's the end. We've come to the end of it, and his brethren are standing before him realizing he has just revealed to them who he is, and they are realizing that he is the very one that they sold into slavery and considered to be dead, dead to them, dead to the family, and now they're afraid. They're very afraid because their life is in Joseph's hands. In verse 19, Genesis 50:19, Joseph said unto them as they stood before him, he said, "Fear not for am I in the place of God, but as for you, you thought evil against me."

They sold him into slavery and everything they did, he said, "You thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good to bring to pass as it is this day to save much people alive. Now, therefore, fear ye not. I will nourish you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spanked kindly unto them. He said, "You meant everything that you did for evil, but he said God meant every piece of it for good. Every piece for eternal good, it was all according to His perfect will and purpose." And that is always the case. Thank God that is always the case. Every wonder that we see in this world is His wonder. They're all His wonder. It's all happening according to His providence, and we need to declare His glory in it. We need to declare His glory in it. We need to give Him the credit for it. Whatever it is, we need to sing of His glory in it because there's a new song in everything that happens. There really is.

Well, back in Psalm 96:3 says, "Declare his glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people, for the Lord is great and greatly to be praised. He is to be feared above all Gods. All the glory of His greatness. The glory of His greatness. He is high above all things. All things." There are many Psalm right here in this area. Look at Psalm 79:9, it says, "For thou Lord, art high above all the earth, thou art exalted far above all gods, all these little manmade imagination, gods far above."

Psalm 99:2 says, "The Lord is great in Zion and He is high above all the people, high above even the imagination of all the people. Every false God that man could possibly imagine His glory is above it. His name is above it. He is greatly to be praised, greatly." Back in Psalm 96:5 says, "For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Oh, the glory of His creation." The glory of His creation, He gets the glory in creation, doesn't He? He gets the glory. Not some big bang that took place, He gets the glory in creation, all of it.

How did all this get here? How did we get here? John 1:3 says, "All things were made by Him, speaking of Christ, and without Him was not anything made that was made." Colossians 1:16 says, "By Him, speaking of Christ, were all things created that are in heaven, that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers, all things were created by Him and for Him." He gets the glory. He gets the glory for all of it. That needs to be declared, doesn't it? That needs to be declared.

Verse six, here in our Psalm, it says, "Honor and majesty are before Him." Honor and majesty. All the glory of His kingship. This is the king. This is His royal highness. All the glory of His kingship and His lordship, His honor, His majesty, it's before Him. It precedes him. Colossians one says, "He is before all things, and by Him, all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church who is the beginning." Meaning Christ is the beginning. "The firstborn from the dead, that in all things He might have the preeminence. That means He's first. He's first in all things.

Verse six says, "Honor and majesty are before Him. Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Oh, worship the king." It's in His sanctuary. "Oh, worship the king, all glorious above." Verse Timothy 1:17 says, "Now, unto the king, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." Worship Him. Bow down to Him. Give the glory to Him. Give the glory to whom it's due. Give all the glory to who it belongs to, Christ alone. Verse seven says, "Give unto the Lord, oh ye kindreds of the people. Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name, bring an offering, and come into his courts." What could we possibly offer a God of this kind of glory? What could we possibly offer God, a God who is this glorious in His salvation and in His providence and in His greatness and in his creation, and in who He is as the king of kings and Lord of Lords? What could we possibly bring as an offering to Him?

All we have to offer Him is thanks. That's all we have to offer Him, the fruit of our lips, the fruit of our hearts, and thankfulness. We worship Him. We worship Him. We just say, "Thank you, Lord, for who you are and for what you have done for your people. Thank you."

Verse nine says, "Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, fear before him all the earth, all the glory of His holiness." His holiness, the glory of His perfection, holiness, His purity, His righteousness, His sanctification. God being holy means He must do what's right. He is only good. He is only right. He is only perfect. That's what holy means. He must do what's right. Shall not the judge of the earth do, right. Who is the judge of the earth? Jesus Christ is. We shall all stand before the judgment thrown of Christ.

All judgment has been given to his hand, "Oh, the holiness." Thank God, He can and will only do what's right because He's holy, and we glorify Him in that. We glorify Him greatly. John 1:14 says, "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us, speaking of Christ, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth, full of holiness, full of purity." Isaiah said, "In the year that King Isaiah died, I saw the Lord, and he said, 'I saw His throne. I saw His temple. I saw His heavenly host.' And he said, 'I heard them cry continually.'" Holy, holy, holy. The whole earth is full of His glory. He gets all the glory. In His holiness, He gets all the glory in our holiness. The only holiness that we have is His holiness. We are only holy in Him. We are only sanctified in Him and what He has robed us in and covered us in. He gets all the glory for it.

Verse 10 says, "Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth. The world also shall be established, that it shall not be moved. He shall judge the people righteously." He said the Lord reigneth, he reigns, that God reigneth, tell the people, he said, "Your God reigns. He is sovereign." Sovereign, He reigns in His sovereignty. Don't we glorify Him in His sovereignty over all things? Thank God He is sovereign over all things. He Himself said to Moses that it was His greatest glory. Moses said, "Lord, show me your glory." And he said, "Here it is right here. I will be merciful to whom I will be merciful." To whom, He said, "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious. In my sovereignty, I'll show mercy and grace." He gets the glory.

Mercy Levin says, "Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad. Let the sea roar and the fullness thereof. Let the field be joyful and all that is therein, then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord, for He cometh to judge the earth, He shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with His truth." He cometh, He cometh, He's coming. All the glory of His return. He said, "Let everything rejoice because the Lord is coming back." The Lord is coming back, and it's going to be a glorious return. The first time He came, He came in His humility, the second time He comes, He's coming in His glory. He's coming in all of His glory, and it's going to be seen. All of those who belong to Him are going to see His glory.

For all those who love Him, who have been caused to love Him, His return is going to be glorious, and it's going to be unto eternal glory with Him. David said, "Oh, declare that to people. Remind His people of that, and they'll rejoice in it. Now, let me close this message with two verses. This is Jude, it only has one chapter, Jude chapter 1:24 and 25, say this, "Now unto Him, that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen." May His glory be declared forever. Amen.

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