



The Holiness Of God Psalm 96

Matthew 6:6-9 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. **Pray then like this:**

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

- Last week--The Presence of God.
- Today--The Holiness of God--"Hallowed be Your name."

Who God is NOT:

- Big Man Upstairs Sky Daddy My Homeboy The J-Man My Co-Pilot
- Someone who got creation wrong.
- Old, sweet abuelo, dispenses advice, falls asleep in the chair, winks at your indiscretions.

Hallowed be Your name.

Hallowed--holy (set apart), consecrated, greatly revered or respected.

1. Is God *right* to desire to be “greatly revered...respected...worshipped?” Isn’t humility a godly trait?

John 4:23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

Will you be found worshipping?

Isaiah 43:7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

You and I, our kids, created for His glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Every possession, every effort, for His glory.

2. Is God *worthy* to be “greatly revered...respected...worshipped?”

Psalm 40:5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

- What did the disciples...Paul...the early church...the Thessalonians...know?
- When you do not live this way...you are

Psalm 96 A hymn celebrating how God’s kingship over all creation means people everywhere should love and worship Him.

Psalm 96:1-2 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.

- Beginning of 1st section (1-6). Begins w/ a command--SING. And sing new songs.(Not a knock on worship team) Means singing songs as a fresh experience of God’s grace.
- All the Earth means Everybody!!
- Your singing BLESSES the Lord. Worship is your ministry to the Lord.
- In relationships, each has a part. This is your part.
- Tell of His salvation:
 - Remember where you came from.
 - Remember from what you have been saved!
 - The cross leaves no room for boasting--except in the Lord!

Galatians 6:14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Psalm 96:3 Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

- God wants His glory declared to ALL THE NATIONS. To all the peoples.
- Israel was to be a “light to the nations.” God promises Abraham in Genesis 12 people from all nations will be blessed in his seed. This comes to completion in Acts 1:8.
- “Go talk about me, make my name great among the nations!”
- Completed in Revelations...when all people are worshipping Him.

Psalm 96:4-6 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.

- Convince yourself!
- He made the heavens. Other gods can’t claim that. Creation matters.
- Other gods are not “slightly less than” God. They are worthless. They are idols, that would rob God of His glory.

Psalm 96:7-9 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!

- Admonishment to the Gentiles--bring an offering. Come worship God.
- Ascribe--”to give or bring.” “To attribute (work of art, etc.) to a person.” “To credit.”

- Tremble. You tremble in front of power and greatness.
- The wisest man in history, in

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.

Psalm 96:10-13 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.

- God judges with equality.
- Creation is not what it should be. And it knows it. Romans 8 says creation groans to see the rightful glory of God.
- Jesus puts things back in order when He comes.
- Worship:
 - Sing a joyful noise
 - Worship and bow down
 - Worship w/ instruments
 - Clap your hands
 - Shout to God;

Psalm 134:2 Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

Summary

Asked 2 questions at the beginning:

1. Is God *right* to desire worship, to be highly revered?
2. Is He *worthy* of being worshipped?

Second really answers the first.

- Because of His creation, strength, salvation, knowledge, marvelous works, HOLINESS....He is absolutely worthy. He is set apart from all others.
- Therefore, He is RIGHT (And He alone) in desiring worship. **Hallowed be His name indeed!**

Worship is the right response to the revelation of God!

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

- Why aren't you yielding in worship to Him?
 - Giving...bringing an offering.
 - Singing. Clapping. Raising hands.
 - Offering plans, homes, family, etc. to God. Everything is on the table.
 - Start your prayers off--singing...ascribing...telling Him how awesome He is.