

Psalm 98

- This and the next two Psalms are describing the Kingdom Age:

V: 1 This starts off pretty much like Psalm 96 - with a “new song” because He has done marvellous things;

- This is a responsive form of worship - responding to what He has done.

V: 1b-3 Listing some of the marvellous things He has done.

- In the days when the Psalms were actually written, it was part of the culture that the community would often sing and dance together in celebration.
- When their armies came home from the battle, victoriously - the young women would come out with tambourines, to sing and to dance in celebration. Songs of victory, songs of praise - triumphing over their enemies.
- Here we sing unto the Lord because He has given us the victory!

Romans 8:37 “Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

1. ²God has made known His salvation - Jesus has been revealed.

Simeon's prayer at Jesus' dedication in the Temple:

Luke 2:29-32 “²⁹Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your Word; ³⁰For my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³²A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”

2. ²His righteousness has been revealed in the sight of the nations - that will happen when Jesus returns to judge.
3. ³He has remembered His mercy towards the house of Israel - they've become a nation again and they have been preserved.
4. ³All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God - this only happens after Jesus returns - this is speaking of the millennial kingdom.

V: 4-6 Because of all of that - “shout joyfully” and praise Him!

- “*All the earth*” - The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and they that dwell therein.

- There's a sense of excitement and enthusiasm described here as they are to "*break forth in song*," rejoicing singing praises all to the accompaniment of harps, trumpets, and horns

V: 7-8 Again very similar to Psalm 96 - the sea's roaring, the rivers' clapping, the hills joyfully praising God for who He is.

Isaiah 55:11-12 "11So shall My Word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. 12For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

V: 9 Why? Because He is coming to judge the earth with righteousness and the people with equity or fairness. He is both Deliverer and King.

Psalm 96:13 "For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth."

Psalm 99

- This is one of the "Royal Psalms" that magnifies the sovereign rule of Jehovah the King.

V: 1 Like Psalm 97 that declaration that the Lord reigns, He is sovereign over all the earth.

- He dwells between the Cherubim - possibly a reference to His presence over the mercy seat of the [Ark of the Covenant](#) in the days of the Tabernacle & Temple.
- The Cherubim on the [mercy seat](#) are fashioned after the angelic beings in heaven which are described in **Ezekiel chapters 1 & 10**.
- They were one of the highest orders of angelic beings, created beings. They are described as having 6 wings, and four faces, the face of a man on one side, the face of a lion on another, the face of an eagle on another, the face of an ox.
- The book of Revelation describes the heavenly scene.

Revelation 4:6-8 "6Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8The four living creatures, each

having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

- So the Lord reigns and let the people tremble, fear.

Psalm 97:1 “The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; lest the multitude of isles be glad!

- There is a time and place for both in the life of the believer.

V: 2-3 He is ruling from Mt. Zion - looking to that future time when He will re-establish His throne on earth, the throne of David on Mt. Zion.

- Let them praise your great and awesome name: God has many titles, “God” being just one of the many. His name is “Yahweh” or “Jehovah” - the great “I AM” - the becoming one - He becomes whatever we need Him to be:

1. “**Jehovah-Jireh**” “The Lord will provide”
2. “**Jehovah-Shalom**” The Lord is peace
3. “**Jehovah Rohi**” The Lord is my Shepherd
4. “**Jehovah-Rapha**” The Lord who heals
5. “**Jehovah-Tsidkenu**” The Lord is our Righteousness
6. “**Jehovah-Shammah**” / Shama The Lord is there, the Lord hears.
7. “**Jehovah Debar**” “He who speaks”

V: 4 The King’s strength, also loves justice, He established equity, He executes justice and righteousness.

Psalm 97:2 “... righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.”

- God has established these things, but today we are seeing a breakdown of our social order. It began with our judicial system: criminals have more rights than victims; criminals are routinely let go, put back onto the streets to commit more crime all because of some technicality.
- Criminals don’t fear the repercussions of their crimes because there aren’t any. They no longer fear the police who have been demonized, de-legitimized, and dis-empowered. Public figures, politicians commit all kinds of crimes, they are blatant liars - and no one seems to hold them accountable.
- Oh, but if you’re a Christian who doesn’t want to bake a cake for one of these deviants, or if you’re a parent trying to protect your child from the un-godly influences in one our government funded homosexual, muslim, transgender indoctrination centers / public educational system, look out, they’ll throw the book at you and toss away the key!

- God established righteousness and equity, man has pretty much sought ever since to tear it down. God has given us literally law and order, we need to abide by it and in it.
- Jesus is coming back and He's going to set things straight. Pun intended.

V: 5 *“Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool - He is holy.”*

- **Exalt**: to lift up or raise up, to magnify - to hold in high regard, to highly esteem, to speak well of.

Psalm 34:3 *“Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.”*

- Worship from a the place of humility:

Psalm 51:17 *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart - these, O God, You will not despise.”*

- Then that declaration: *“He is holy.”*

1 John 1:5 *“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”*

V: 6-7 They called upon the Lord and He answered, He spoke to them.

- The other part of that equation is that they were obedient to what they heard.

“They kept His testimonies and the ordinance He gave them.”

V: 8 God answered them because of their relationship with Him, because they had been forgiven.

- The Bible describes some of Aaron's mistakes, it doesn't describe any of Samuel's mistakes - but they like all men have sinned. (**Romans 3:10, 23**)
- But like all men that have come to Jesus, they were forgiven.
- To them He was **“El-Nasaw”** - *“The God who forgives”*

V: 9 Just like in V: 5 - Exalt the Lord our God, worship Him, lift Him up - moving from the place of brokenness and humility at His foot stool, then to the exalted place at His holy hill.

1 Peter 5:6 *“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”*

Psalm 96:9 “Oh worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Psalm 100

- A Psalm of thanksgiving and praise:

V: 1 Exhortation - call to action: Make a joyful shout / noise to the Lord all you lands!

Hebrews 13:15 “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.”

- Tony Loubet related an illustration regarding one of the saints in his church that couldn't carry a tune in a bucket - but that when he praised and worshipped the Lord there were times when you could see tears running down his face.
- There is more to worship than the skill of the musician or singer - it's got to be a heart given to Him for it to be real worship.

John 4:24 “God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

V: 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: If you not serving Him with gladness, then you're not serving Him - it's just empty religion.

- God doesn't like a griping servant, or a griping giver for that matter - He wants there to be joy and gladness because that is the fruit of the Spirit.

Colossians 3:23 “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.”

- “Serve the Lord...” Find a ministry, find a way to serve the Lord.

V: 3 It's almost as if we're being warned or prepared for those who would seek to use evolutionary theories to dissuade us from the truths of creation.

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.”

Colossians 1:16 “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

- We were created to have that relationship, to be the sheep of His pasture.
- What a privileged place!

John 10:14 “I am the good shepherd: and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.”

Psalms 23:1-3 “¹The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³He restores my soul; He leads me in the path of righteousness for His names sake.”

V: 4 Certainly in response to all of that - enter into His courts with thanksgiving and praise!

- Be thankful, be grateful, and bless His holy name.

One of the indictments against the ungodly was that of thanklessness.

Romans 1:21 “Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.”

I'm reminded of:

James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

V: 5 All I can say is “I told you so!”

- We know that God is good, and that He loves us, we know that His will is perfect, and that His Word is true!

Psalms 136:1 “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”

- His truth endures to all generations. God's truths are timeless. They weren't as some have sought to assert meant for just for the Corinthians back in the day, but for all of us.

Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever.”

- Our God is timeless, and so is His Word.

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”