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Scriptures : Psalm 96

Psalm 96

1 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
3 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.
4 For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.
6 Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
7 Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength.
8 Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.
9 Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.
10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; the world also is firmly established,
It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously."
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;
12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD.
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.

TEXT: (PSALM 96:3)

"Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples."

INTRODUCTION

- This is a Psalm of praise and worship to God.
- We are to sing, declare, proclaim and give.
 - o To "declare" is to assert what you say. A command
 - o To "proclaim" is to announce

WHAT ARE WE TO SING AND REJOICE OVER?

- Sing a new song and bless His Name (V.1)
(Psalm 96:1)
"Oh, sing to the Lord a new song"
- We are to rejoice with all that God has created in heaven and on earth (V. 11 & 12)

(Psalm 96:11-12)
"Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD."

WHAT ARE WE TO DECLARE AND PROCLAIM?

- The good news of His salvation from day to day (V. 2)

(Psalm 96:2)
"Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day".
- His wonders among the people (V. 3)

(Psalm 96:3)

“Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.”.

- The Lord reigns (V.10)

(Psalm 96:10)

Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns; the world also is firmly established, it shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously.”

- He is coming and coming to judge the earth (V. 13)

(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.”

- He shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth (V. 13)

(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”.

WHAT ARE WE TO GIVE?

- Honor and praise (V. 4-7)

(Psalm 96:4-7)

“4For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. 5For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. 6 Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. 7Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength.”

- Bring an offering (V. 8)

(Psalm 96:8)

Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.

- To sing, declare, proclaim honor and give – summed up in the word “WORSHIP.”

WORSHIP BELONGS TO GOD

- Worship belongs to God (V. 9)

(Exodus 20:4-6)

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

- Worship involves serving or doing the will of God

(Luke 4:8)

Jesus said, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

- Serving involves living by faith

- God asked Abraham to worship Him by giving Him, his son Isaac

(Genesis 22:1-14)

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. 5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you." 6 So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. 7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together. 9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am." 12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." 13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

- Abraham's faith expressed to his young men (V.5)

"And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

- Abraham's faith expressed to his son (V. 7-8)

7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" 8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together."

CONCLUSION

- In the Old Testament, worship was with sacrifices
- Giving opens the windows of heaven

(Malachi 3:10-12)

10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. 11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts; 12 And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.