

Let the Nations Sing and Rejoice!

PSALM 96



The Glory of God

(1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 3:21)

**Love
God**

*(Matt.
22:37-38)*

Grace

*(Titus 2:11-14;
2 Peter 3:18)*

**Love
Others**

(Matt. 22:39)

Gospel Advancement *(Acts 1:8)*

Community Discipleship *(Acts 2:42-47)*

Worship *(Colossians 3:16-17)*

God's Word *(2 Timothy 3:15-4:2; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11)*

BIG IDEA:

**God calls every Christian
to joyfully share the truth
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with the nations.**

**Psalm 96 calls us
as Christians
to share God's glory
with the nations
in four specific ways.**

Psalm 96

- I. Sing praise to God for His salvation among the nations. **(96:1-2)**
- II. Declare God's awesome and exclusive glory among the nations. **(96:3-6)**
- III. Urge the nations to worship and fear God His way. **(96:7-9)**
- IV. Urge the nations to joyfully anticipate and welcome God's coming as Judge of the earth. **(96:10-13)**

I. Sing praise to God for His
salvation among the
nations. **(96:1-2)**

**I carried a burden, a staggering weight,
And struggled for freedom but could not escape.
I trembled and cried at the thought of my fate—**

What must I do to be saved?

I desperately searched for release from my pain

**But found that man's wisdom
was useless and vain.**

Is there not a power that can break every chain?

What must I do to be saved?

I saw Jesus bleeding; the cross bore His stain;
The men standing by were all mocking His pain.
But then—yes, I heard it—He called out my name:

"Kneel at the cross and be saved."

I fell at the feet of the One hanging there.

"O Savior, forgive me," I cried in despair!

My burden fell off; Jesus answered my prayer.

Kneel at the cross and be saved.

**Jesus' blood flows from Calvary
Breaking Satan's power,
setting captives free.**

**Greatest gift of the greatest love—
Heaven paid the price with Calvary's blood.
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(Calvary's Blood by Ron Hamilton)

Romans 5:6-8

For while we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

For one will scarcely die for a righteous
person—though perhaps for a good person
one would dare even to die—
but God shows His love for us
in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him
should not perish
but have eternal life.

1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God
was made manifest among us,
that God sent His only Son into the world,
so that we might live through Him.
In this is love, not that we have loved God
but that He loved us
and sent His Son
to be the propitiation for our sins.

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?
(And Can It Be? by Charles Wesley)

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**II. Declare God's awesome
and exclusive glory among
the nations. (96:3-6)**

**Lord of Glory, reigning in His Majesty,
Ruling long before the worlds were formed.
Yet when darkness claimed His own,
He stepped from Heaven's throne
To bear a cross, and wear a crown of thorns.**

**Son of God so willingly He took our place,
Clothed in robes of frail humanity.**

**Fragile flesh and blood,
priceless crimson blood
Offered up for sin at Calvary.**

**Buried, like a beggar in a borrowed tomb,
Everything for nothing, so it seemed.
But death could never stand
Against the nail-scarred hands,
And power of Heaven's resurrected King!**

So high the price He paid,
The nails, the cross, the grave,
Such pardon He bestowed,
Such grace He showed.
No greater sacrifice, He gave His very life.
So deep the love, so high the price.

(So High the Price,

Marty Funderburk & Deborah Cruise Bailey)

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

And even if our gospel is veiled,
it is veiled only to those who are perishing.

In their case the god of this world
has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,
to keep them from seeing
the light of the gospel of **the glory of Christ**,
who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of
darkness,” has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have **this treasure** in jars of clay,
to show that the surpassing power
belongs to God and not to us.

**“Worship is the goal and the fuel of missions:
Missions exists because worship doesn’t.**

Seeking the worship of the nations
is fueled by the joy of our own worship.

You can’t commend what you don’t cherish.

You can’t proclaim what you don’t prize.

Worship is the fuel and the goal of missions.”

(John Piper)



"WHATEVER IS YOUR GREATEST JOY AND TREASURE, THAT IS YOUR GOD."

C.H. SPURGEON

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God
for salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For in it the righteousness of God
is revealed from faith for faith,
as it is written,

“The righteous shall live by faith.”

John 14:1-5

“Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in Me.

In My Father's house are many rooms.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.
And you know **the way** to where I am going.”

John 14:5-6

Thomas said to Him,

“Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know **the way?**”

Jesus said to him,

I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Acts 4:12

“And there is salvation in no one else,
for there is no other name
under heaven given among men
by which we must be saved.”

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**III. Urge the nations to
worship and fear God
His way. (96:7-9)**

Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned
and fall short of **the glory of God**,
and are justified by His grace as a gift,
through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God
is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9-11

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

For the Scripture says,
“Everyone who believes in Him
will not be put to shame.”

Romans 10:12-13

For there is no distinction
between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all,
bestowing His riches on all who call on Him.

For “everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord
will be saved.”

Romans 10:14

But how are they to **call** on Him
in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to **believe** in Him
of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to **hear**
without someone preaching?

And how are they to **preach**
unless they are **sent**?

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. **Go** therefore and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:6-8

So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be My witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, **and to the end of the earth.**”

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**IV. Urge the nations to joyfully
welcome and anticipate
God's coming as Judge of
the earth. (96:10-13)**

Philippians 2:5-7

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though He was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be
grasped, but made Himself nothing,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:8

And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient
to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Application

*Worship God by
repenting of your sin,
believing in the truth
of His gospel message,
and trusting in Jesus Christ
alone for salvation.*

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*Worship God by
joyfully sharing
the truth of His glory
wherever God has you
in this world.*

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*Pray that God would
send out more **workers**
to glean souls
in His great harvest field—
for His glory.*

(Matthew 9:36-38)

Matthew 9:36

When He saw the crowds,
He had compassion for them,
because they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples,

*“The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few;
**therefore pray earnestly
to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers
into His harvest.”***

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