

THE MAJESTY OF GOD IN WORSHIP

Last month we focused upon the spirit or attitude in worship. Now, through the Psalms, we look at the object of worship: The Majesty of God. Paul said in Acts 17, "neither is He served b human hands, as though He needed anything" (25). If God does not need anything, why do we worship Him?

Psalms 96

Sing to the LORD a new song;
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Proclaim good tidings of His salvation
from day to day.

³ Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the
peoples.

⁴ 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 idols,
But the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ Splendor and majesty are before Him,
Strength and beauty are in His
sanctuary

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the
peoples,
Ascribe to the LORD glory and
strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name;
Bring an offering and come into His
courts.

⁹ Worship the LORD in holy attire;
Tremble before Him, all the earth.

¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns;
Indeed, the world is firmly established,
it will not 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 it contains;

¹² Let the field exult, and all that is in it.
Then all the trees of the forest will
sing for joy

¹³ Before the LORD, for He is coming,
For He is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in
righteousness
And the peoples in His faithfulness.

Overview of Ps 96

- Much of this Psalm is quoted in 1 Chron 16:23-33, when David brought the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem.
- Sing, sing, sing (1-2) matches Ascribe, ascribe, ascribe (7-8)
- Glory (3, 7) often means w_____ or h_____

There is a Major Emphasis Upon the Action of the Worshipper:

1. S_____ (1-2)
2. P_____ (2b)
3. T_____ (3)
4. A_____ (7-8)
5. B_____ (8b)
6. W_____ (9a)
7. T_____ (9b)
8. S_____ (10)
9. Gladness and rejoicing (11)

- Isa 6:1-5; Jn 1:14; Mt 25:31
- Similar to Rev 4:11; 5:9

- There is also a "global" flavor to the passage (1, 3,9,10)
- This Psalm can be divided into three sections:
G_____ of the King
 He is our Savior
D_____ of the King
 He is like no other
C_____ of the King
 He will faithfully judge
- Three Directional view
 PAST: C_____ (5)

PRESENT: The Lord R_____ (10)
 FUTURE: He will J_____ (13)

Where do you see the spirit of Reverence in this Psalm?

What was this Psalmist view of God?

As a worshipper, what reaction does this Psalm create in you?