

HEAVENLY
WORSHIP



GROUP/FAMILY Session 1

- Watch the sermon titled: “Don’t Harden Your Heart’” on Jesse Campbell Ministries YouTube Channel.
- Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 1213-1218 (on [YouTube](#)/[podcast](#)) and share them with the one you are discipling.
- Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with the honest questions in this lesson.



This Week's Sermon exposit Psalms 95

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Context

God gave us a book of songs to sing to Him. The psalms give vocabulary to the outpouring of our hearts as we worship Jesus individually and together. Some of them even articulate precisely what the suffering heart struggling with the temptation unto vengeance feels.

These are lyrics to a song written by God. Specifically, this is a song about singing to God. It is a worship song about worship itself which is pretty "meta" as far as songs go. While this particular Psalm does not prescribe any musical instrumentation, over fifty of the whole collection of Psalms do (Psalms 5, 6, 12, 33, and more). Psalms 88 and 92 are addressed to the Choir Director. Psalms 9, 22, 45, 46, 53, 69, and 80 suggest specific ancient melodies that render the original Hebrew into a fitting rhythmic meter. The most fascinating thing about the Psalms of all, though, is their prophetic significance. The Book of Hebrews quotes thirteen different Psalms to show how each one was ultimately written about Jesus before He was born. [Psalms 22:18](#) and [34:20](#) are even expressly framed as fulfilled prophecies about Jesus' crucifixion in [John 19:24](#) and [John 19:36](#), respectively.

Psalm 96, this session's text, foretells of the intense joy that will radiate from Jesus' throne during the coming Millennial Reign in the very last days. It was used to dedicate the tabernacle on Mount Zion under David's direction in 1 Chronicles 16. This song was a big deal to David and should be a big deal to us too because it is prophetic of future events!

The Big Idea of the Text

Psalm 96 calls us to give God glory for all that He has done and it actually celebrates God's coming judgment because God's judgment brings justice at last.

Biblical Text (CSB) - Psalm 96

Sing a new song to the Lord;

let the whole earth sing to the Lord.

2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;

proclaim his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his wondrous works among all peoples.

4 For the Lord is great and is highly praised;
he is 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.

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you 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 enter his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns.
The world is firmly established; it cannot be shaken.
He judges the peoples fairly."

11 Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and all that fills it resound.

12 Let the fields and everything in them celebrate.
Then all the trees of the forest will shout for joy

13 before the Lord, for he is coming—
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his faithfulness.

Applying Our Lives to the Text

- Verses 1–3: What does it mean to “sing a new song” to the Lord? How does declaring God’s glory among the nations fulfill His mission?
- Verses 4–6: Why does the Psalm contrast Yahweh’s greatness with idols? How do splendor, majesty, strength, and beauty define our worship of the true God?
- Verses 7–9: What does it mean to ascribe glory to God? Why does the psalm command us to bring an offering and worship in the splendor of holiness?
- Verses 10–11: Why is it significant that the Psalm declares, “The Lord reigns”? How does this truth impact our view of world events and history?
- Verses 12–13a: How does creation itself rejoice before the Lord? What does this teach us about God’s relationship with the world He made and sustains?
- Verse 13b: What does it mean that God will judge with righteousness and faithfulness? How does this prophecy give us hope in a world full of injustice?

The Takeaway: So What Church?

Psalm 96 calls us to active worship. We will sing new songs of praise, declare His glory to all, and live in anticipation of His coming judgment. Jesus fulfilled this Psalm as the righteous King who came to bring salvation ([John 3:16](#)) and will return to judge the world in righteousness ([Revelation 19:11–16](#)).

For Parents:

SHOW YOUR KIDS JESUS IN THIS PASSAGE

Psalm 96 tells us that God is the greatest King of all! A long time ago, people sang this song to remind everyone that God is in charge. Some people worshiped fake gods, but the Bible tells us that only God is real. The psalm also talks about a time when God will come to fix everything wrong in the world. Do you know who that is? That's Jesus! Jesus came the first time to save us, and He will come back to be the perfect King forever. That's why we sing about Him and tell others how amazing He is!

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