

“Proclaim” – to bring or announce good news; bear tidings.

“from day to day” – all the time, regularly.

“Recount” – to count or number something so that it would be known to others; give a report of to others.

“His glory” – this word describes the value, splendor, impressiveness, and transcendence.

“among the nations” – Gentile groups around Israel

Point: God's people _____ the work and glory of God with those who do not know Him as both worship and witness so that all might worship.

B. God deserves to be worshipped, His works spoken of, and His salvation shared because no one is _____ Him (v.4-6).

“great” – remarkable, above, and extraordinary in all things good.

“greatly to be praised” – “greatly” is a marker of great degree or amount, common use is “very.”

“more fearsome” – to cause or inspire awe or fear; awesome and dreadful to a higher degree.

“all gods of the peoples are idols” – the Hebrew word for “idols” is “*elil*” which means worthless, vain, insufficient, etc.

“Yahweh made the heavens.”

“strength and beauty are in His sanctuary” – this is not a reference to the temple/tabernacle but the place where God is dwelling in the heavenly realm that is filled with His glory.

Point: we speak of God as we should when we _____ Him as we should because who He is demands we worship and witness.

2. The Nations Must Praise and We Must Speak of Him Because He is Coming (v.7-13).

A. The peoples must be told the _____ of Yahweh so that they might praise Him (v.7-12a).

“Ascribe” – attribute to or recognize about as is fitting and deserved.

- “glory” – His value and greatness of being.
- “strength” – His power
- “glory of His name” – the things He has done/who He is.

“Lift an offering” – bring up to God an expression of worship.

“come into His courts” – “courts” in mind here are the area off of God’s house where the people assembled for worship.

“Tremble before Him, all the earth” – the desire is for all the earth to understand who they are before Him.

Psalms 33:8 Let all the earth fear Yahweh; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

Point: God’s people should desire the lost and outsiders to view and respond to God as He _____.

“Say” – speak, mention.

Three Things to Speak About:

1. Tell the peoples that Yahweh is _____.

“Yahweh reigns” – lit. means Yahweh has set Himself as king.

Psalms 103:19 Yahweh has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

2. Tell the peoples that Yahweh created and sustains the _____.

“the world is established” – this means being firmly placed.

“it will not be shaken” –to move in a destructive or upsetting way.

Adult Sunday School
Topic: Worship and Witness
Text: Psalms 96
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Two Psalm Elements:

Element 1: Psalms are primarily _____.

Evocative – to cause or bring about an emotional response to the truth.

Element 2: Psalms have a _____ (an area of attention, focus) determined by the author.

- Individual (Psalms 101; "I", "my", "me", etc.).
- Congregational (Psalms 95; "us", "we", "our", etc.).
- Global (Psalms 98; "earth", "peoples", "nations", etc.).

1. Declare Him to the Nations Because of His Greatness and Glory (v.1-6).

A. We are called to both worship and witness of Yahweh with our _____ (v.1-3).

"Sing to Yahweh a new song" – God's people are commanded to worship.

"Sing to Yahweh, all the earth" – the earth is commanded to worship.

Psalm 24:1 The earth is Yahweh's, as well as its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it.

Psalm 83:18 You alone—Your name is Yahweh—are the Most High over all the earth.

Point: God's people are called to worship and _____ the whole world to worship.

3. Tell the peoples that God will carry out His _____ on the whole earth.

"He will render justice to the peoples with equity" – "equity" refers to that which is level, straight, and right.

B. Yahweh's _____ will be a time of joy and a time of judgement (v.12b-13).

"for He is coming" – this describes the Lord revealing Himself with the purpose of coming down to earth.

"For He is coming to judge the earth" – Yahweh will come to pass judgement on the earth in completeness and finality.

Romans 2:6-8 who will repay to each according to his works: to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and anger.

Hebrews 10:30-31 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

"He will judge the world in righteousness" – what is correct and right according to His character.

Revelation 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

"And the peoples in His faithfulness" – steadfastness, steadiness, or trustworthiness.

Point: the inevitable, inescapable, and incontrovertible judgement of God should move us to tell the nations about it because they will _____.

BLANKS: evocative, scope, words, desire, declare, like, understand, truth, deserves, King, earth, justice, coming, perish.