

## PITWM VERSE BY VERSE

### PSALM 96:1-6, 10-13

#### LESSON: ALL CREATION JOINS IN PRAISE — January 8, 2017

##### INTRODUCTION:

This psalm is ascribed to be written by David; a psalm of worship to the Lord.

**Chapter 95** God is described as the Rock of our salvation, and our call and invitation is to sing unto the Lord by making a joyful sound, as we enter into His presence with thanksgiving, with these psalms (**95:1-2**).

Upon entering into His presence, we realize our reason to sing: the Lord is a Great God; a Great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in His hands and the strength of the hills is His. The sea is His for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. That's why we sing a song of praise (**95:3-5**)!

Our singing escalates into worship. The reason to worship and bow down before the Rock of our salvation is because He is the Lord; our Maker; our God, and we are His people, the sheep of His hand. There is no better opportunity to hear His voice calling and to come to Him (**95:6-7**)!

The believer should never provoke God; not harden their heart, for He is calling. The psalmist uses Israel's march to the Promised Land as an example. This is where Israel's fathers doubted God even after seeing so many miracles. They tested God and for forty years God was grieved with that generation. Therefore, He swore in His wrath that none of this original generation of grippers would ever enter into His rest—the Promised Land accept Joshua and Caleb (**95:8-11**).

##### LESSON: I. TELL OF HIS GLORY Psalm 96:1-3

This psalm is ascribed to be written by David; an exhortation to praise God.

**96:1 O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.** This is not only for Israel to sing a new song, but it's for all the earth to sing unto the Lord. <sup>1</sup>It's a prayer of thanksgiving and a praise in song. This could be the song of all who have been redeemed. Salvation is for all the earth. Everyone of every nation of the world could sing this beautiful song of redemption. It is believed that the new song has to do with grace, and not the law. The time for mourning is over. It is time we sing joyful songs unto the God of our salvation.

**96:2 Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.** We are to sing to the Lord.

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We are to bless His name. And we are to show forth His salvation daily. <sup>2</sup>Every day is the day to praise God for our salvation. It is such a little thing for us to praise His name. He has done marvelous things.

96:3 **Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.** If we believe God is great, we can't help but tell others of His glory. We are to declare His glory among the heathen and we were chosen to announce His wonders; His glorious acts throughout all people.

## II. ACKNOWLEDGE HIS GREATNESS Psalm 96:4-6

96:4 **For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.** We have a great God and our praise should be great toward Him. Fear Him for He is above all gods. Why? We see in the next verse.

96:5 **For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.** These other gods of these nations are images of idols made of wood, and stone. Idols can't make anything. God alone made the heavens.

96:6 **Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.** The Creator God is worthy of honor and majesty, strength and beauty both in His sanctuary in heaven, and His sanctuary on earth. All you see is Honor and majesty going before Him. And we can't help but witness strength and beauty arrayed in His sanctuary.

## NOT APART OF THE LESSON Verses 7-9

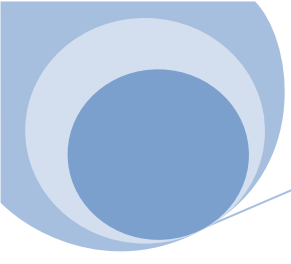
96:7 **Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.** All the families of the peoples of the earth Jewish and pagan alike are to give unto the Lord; confess unto the Lord that He alone is glorious and strong.

96:8 **Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.** They are to give unto the Lord the glory that's due unto His name; He deserves all the glory! When they came into His courts, they were to bring an offering. When we worship the Almighty God we *"enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise..."* (Ps.100:4). We give an offering of praise!

96:9 **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.** We worship the Lord in the beauty of all His holiness. His holiness is what we fear. The beauty of His holiness often produces such awe in us; fearing, that we tremble in adoration before Him.

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## III. ANTICIPATE HIS COMING Psalm 96:10-13

96:10 **Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously.** It is to be pronounced among the heathen that the Lord God reigns. “*Reign*” means that His supremacy, His control, and His rule will be over the heathen. His power and rule over the world is so established that it cannot be moved; cannot be overthrown. And He will be an upright judge of the people; judging justly.

96:11 **Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.** Therefore, let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad over His reign and at the anticipation of His coming. This is a cause for the sea to roar and all of its fullness. A great symphony of nature will joyfully shout the praises of the Creator God!

96:12 **Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice.** A joyous field and all therein shall rejoice along with the trees of the wood—the forest.

96:13 **Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.** In that day all the earth shall rejoice before the Lord. The Lord is coming to judge the earth. None other can do this, for He will judge the world fairly and the people with truth.

### SUMMARY:

<sup>3</sup>Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole world sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord and praise His name! Tell the good news every day about how He saves us! Tell all the nations how wonderful He is! Tell people everywhere about the amazing things He does (**96:1-3**) **ERV** (*Easy to Read Version*).

The Lord is great and worthy of praise. He is more awesome than any of the “*gods*.” All the “*gods*” in other nations are nothing but statues, but the Lord made the heavens. He lives in the presence of glory and honor. His Temple is a place of power and beauty (**96:4-6**) **ERV** (*Easy to Read Version*).

Tell the nations that the Lord is King! The world stands firm and cannot be moved. He will judge all people fairly. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be happy! Let the sea and everything in it shout for joy! Let the fields and everything in them be happy! Let the trees in the forest sing for joy when they see the Lord coming! He is coming to rule the world. He will rule all the nations of the world with justice and fairness (**96:10-13**) **ERV** (*Easy to Read Version*)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+96&version=ERV>  
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