

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

PSALMS-LESSON 18

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1–FEBRUARY 6

PSALM 96

WORSHIP THE COMING KING

As you begin this study, read all of **Psalm 96** and read **I Chronicles 16:8-36**. **Psalm 96** forms the heart of the Song of Thanksgiving recorded in **I Chronicles 16**. King David instructed Asaph to lead an incredibly joyful celebration to commemorate the arrival of the Ark of the Covenant in **Jerusalem** to give thanks to Yahweh and to exalt and worship Him.

“The important thing about **Psalm 96** is that it is a joyful hymn to the God of Israel as king and an invitation to the nations of the world to join Israel in praising him. It is also a prophecy of a future day when God will judge the entire world in righteousness. What this means is that the coming of the ark of God to Jerusalem was viewed by David as a pledge of the future coming of God to rule as king over all the earth.”

Psalms, Vol. 2, James Montgomery Boice, pg. 782.

The Psalm proclaims the ancient truths that the Lord is the creator, the King, and the coming Judge, and at His coming there will be righteousness on the earth. Therefore, His greatness, displayed in His saving power, should be praised in all the earth.” The Psalms, Vol.3, Allen P. Ross, pg 134

As you read and meditate upon the truths of Psalm 96, pray that you will grow in your love for the Lord and respond to these truths with a heart devoted to the daily worship of Christ.

Read Psalm 96:1-3 Call to All People to Praise the Lord

1. What is the psalmist’s call to all peoples in **verses 1-2**? How does **Psalm 40:3** help in understanding the meaning of a “*new song*”? See also **Rev.5:9** for the new song in the future.

“From Day to Day. Other news delights us only at first hearing, but the good news of our redemption is sweet from day-to-day, as if it were done but today. Luther said, Christ is now as fresh to me as if he had shed his blood this very hour.” Treasury of David, Spurgeon, pg. 852

2. What are the imperatives to God’s people in **verse 3**? How do we put that into practice today?

Read Psalm 96:4-6 Cause For Praise to the Lord

3. What reasons does the psalmist give for this praise of the Lord?
 - **Verse 4**
 - **Verse 5**
 - **Verse 6**
4. In **verse 6** “*in His sanctuary*” is a reference to “*in His presence*.” How does the Psalmist describe the Lord and how does that description stir our hearts to worship and praise the Lord?

Read Psalm 96:7-10 Glory Due the Lord For His Greatness

5. Just as “*sing to the Lord*” is repeated three times in **verses 1 and 2**, “*ascribe (or give praise) to the Lord*” is repeated three times in **verses 7 and 8a**. What is the content of the praise to the Lord in these verses?

“Give to the Lord the glory due to His name. It is a debt, a debt in equity and it must be paid. The glory due his name is to acknowledge him to be holy, just, true, and powerful. The Lord, the faithful God, good, merciful, long-suffering.” Do not defraud His name even of the least of glory.” [Treasury of David](#), footnote, page 855

6. In **verse 8b** what is our worshipful response to the Lord?
7. In **verse 9**, holy attire usually refers to garments that are ritually clean and acceptable in the sanctuary. What does that image mean for the condition of the hearts of those who desire to enter into worship of the Lord?
8. From **vs. 10**, what is the reason to give God the glory He is due and to worship Him?
9. How is the Lord’s reign described in **verse 10**?

“Instead of the continuance of international chaos in human history, the world will be settled and efficiently managed by the Messiah in the millennial Kingdom (cf. **Ps. 2; Micah 4:1-5**) Not only will the Lord establish international peace and stability in the future messianic Kingdom, but he will also rule the world with impeccable justice.” [MacArthur Study Bible](#), footnote, Ps. 96:10

Read Psalm 96:11-13 Future Coming of The King

10. What is the psalmist’s call to creation in **verses 11 and 12** at the time of the Lord’s return when He judges all sin and unrighteousness? How does the truth of **Romans 8:18-23** help to understand the impact of Christ’s return to earth when He establishes His earthly kingdom and judges sin and unrighteousness?
11. In **verse 13**, His coming is repeated twice to emphasize the certainty of His return. At that time when He begins His reign (**v.10**) how is His judgment of the unredeemed described?
12. How has the truth of Psalm 96 challenged and shaped your worship of our great God, King and Judge?

Psalm 96 “Is a song of praise for the reign of the Lord, which has been demonstrated again and again throughout history in His mighty saving acts, but will be fully revealed when He comes to judge the wicked and to establish His righteous reign over all the earth.”...” Those who refuse to acknowledge His sovereign kingship in this life, who refuse to do obeisance to Him in holiness now, will find themselves the objects of His judgment when He comes.” [Psalms, Vol.3](#), Allan P. Ross, pg143