

Psalm 96: A New Song

Cross reference to whole Psalm: 1 Chronicles 16:23–33

1 Why a “new” song?

2 If we are to bless God’s name, then why call Him “Lord”?

What is the connection between “His salvation” and Jesus?

3 What further light is given here to the phrase “all the earth” in verse 1?

4 How does this verse contrast Yahweh to the heathens’ conception of their gods?

Do you remember how this verse ties in with 1 Chronicles 16:25, Psalm 95:3, Psalm 97:9?

5 What is the literal meaning of “idols”?

7 “Families of nations” – see Genesis 12:3

8 “Second verse, same as the first”: “Give to the LORD the glory due to His name.” Is His name “LORD”? Is “name” just a label?

9 “Beauty of Holiness” – cf. Psalm 92:2

10 “The LORD reigns” (cf. 1 Chron. 16:31; Psalm 93:1; 97:1; 99:1)

“righteously” – i.e. impartially. Without distinction between Jew and Gentile (cf. Romans 2:11ff)

11- See Isaiah 44:32 and 55:12 for the inanimate creation singing.

12 “Heavens...seas” – i.e., above and below

“field...forest” – i.e., cultivated and wild, open and close

“Before the LORD” – literally to the face of Yahweh

Whole Psalm – How does this celebrate the fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:3)?

Why is Revelation 5:9-10 part of the NT reading? What is/are its connection(s) to Psalm 96?