

Joy to the World

Psalm 98

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I. A new song. *Psalm 98:1a*

The idea of a **new song** says there is something fresh and _____ about the worship we offer the LORD because He has done a new thing in our lives. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

- “For all this, He deserves the highest praise. His acts have proved His Deity, _____ is Jehovah, and therefore we sing unto Him as the LORD.” (C. H. Spurgeon)

“He rose again by His _____ power, ascended back to heaven, and sent forth the Holy Spirit.” ...and so much more. (Clarke)

II. The whole Earth has seen His salvation. *Psalm 98:1b-3*

When the psalmist spoke of the **right hand**, it was a direct reference to the fact that the **right hand** always signifies the _____ of God.

- The people of Earth had witnessed some of the Old Testament rescues for the Nation of Israel accomplished by the LORD, but they had not witnessed God’s _____ salvation, Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:23(b) which was preached to _____ creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. NKJV

III. The joyful song with instruments. *Psalm 98:4-6*

“**Joyful Noise** is translated ‘**shout aloud**’ in **Zechariah 9:9**, the prophecy that was fulfilled on _____.” (Derek Kidner)

- A shout of praise was a picture of praise being used as a _____ of spiritual warfare.

We know that it is the LORD who gives the talents and gifts to worship, otherwise the musicians were simply making _____.

IV. Messiah offers new life. *Psalm 98: 7-9*

Acts 26:23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the _____, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.” NKJV

- “No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the _____ is found.” (Joy to the World)

“Why is believing so crucial to Jesus? Because the fall of Adam and Eve was the _____ to believe in God.” (Jon Bloom)

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week’s sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **Psalm 98:1a**. Discuss the meaning of a new song for the life of a Christian.
Psalm 40:3-13, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Luke 1:46-49, Ephesians 5:19, Revelation 5:9, Zephaniah 3:17
2. Read **Psalm 98:1b-3**. What does the **right hand** of God mean? How did His right hand and holy arm gain the LORD victory?
Deuteronomy 20:4, Luke 1:50-54, Genesis 12:3, Colossians 1:21-23, 1 Corinthians 15:57, Romans 8:37
3. Read **Psalm 98:4-6**. What did the sermon define a joyful noise as? When we refer to the Jericho narrative, how is a shout of praise seen as a weapon in spiritual warfare? How can musical instruments praise the LORD?
Ezra 3:8-11, Joshua 6:15-21, Psalm 149:6, Psalm 66:17
4. How do we receive joy from the Gospel?
Isaiah 52:7, Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Peter 1:3
5. Read **Psalm 98:7-9** and **Genesis 3:14-24**. In the song, “Joy to the World” it says, “No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.” How did Jesus reverse the curse caused by Adam? How can a person receive the reversal of that curse?
Luke 24:44, Acts 26:22-23, 1 Corinthians 15:22, John 11:25-26, Romans 1:25, John 3:16-18
6. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.
Matthew 11:28-30, Psalm 51:12, Matthew 1:23, Philippians 1:6-7, Philippians 2:3-4