

Psalm 96 (Relevant for today) (This chapter comes from 1 Chron. 16:23-33)

Sing praises to our great God, Jesus Christ

¹⁻² Sing a new song of praise to the LORD Jesus Christ¹. Bless His name, and tell everyone about the wonderful salvation He secured when He died on the cross, shed His blood, and rose from the grave on the third day. This salvation is available every day if a man or woman will accept the free gift He offers. ³ Tell folks about the glory He set aside in order to come to earth to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins, and then tell them about the glory He resumed when He ascended to heaven and sat back down on the throne beside His Father. ⁴ Do so, because the LORD Jesus is great and deserves all of the praise and adoration we can give Him. Since He is so great, we should acquire and maintain a biblical fear of the LORD. It will be demonstrated by doing good so that we won't disappoint Him and avoiding or abandoning every sinful practice so we won't break sweet fellowship with Him. ⁵ All of the gods people of the world worship are cheap and worthless imitations of the true God who made the heavens and the earth. ⁶ Excellent beauty and majesty are the essence of who and what He is, and they are displayed in His sanctuary.

Tell people He is great and they should fear Him

⁷ Praise the LORD, and tell Him that you know He is glorious and has unlimited power to do anything He wishes. ⁸ Bring your offering, and praise Him for the glory His name deserves. ⁹ Get dressed in your Sunday best, worship Him out of deep respect, and fear offending Him by neglecting Him or getting involved in some sinful practice. ¹⁰ Tell the unsaved that the LORD Jesus is the great God and has the world firmly under His control. Tell them that the world will go on like it is until He does away with it at the end of time. Then He will judge every man, woman, and child without partiality and find them guilty of eternal death if they have not accepted His gift of salvation. Be sure to tell them that hell awaits those who reject Jesus Christ.

All creation rejoices that Jesus is coming again

¹¹ Father, allow the heavens to be glad and the earth to rejoice. Allow the seas to roar in anticipation of Christ's coming. ¹² Allow the fields to flourish and be joyful knowing Christ is coming again. Then let the trees of the forest speak about their anticipation of the coming again of the LORD Jesus to judge the world. ¹³ When He comes, He will judge the world on the basis of righteousness, and the people of the world according to the divine laws established from eternity past.

¹ In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ" has been used.