

## Psalm 98—Sing to the Lord a New Song!

Sunday, August 30, 2020

**Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!** For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;**

**Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, With trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it; Let the rivers clap *their* hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord, For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

**1 Samuel 30:6b**, “But David strengthened [encouraged] himself in the Lord his God.” In the Bible David is called a man after God’s heart. What is his secret with God?

- He is a **seeker of the Lord**.
- He **repents** of sin, leaning to his own understanding, & obeys God & His law.
- He is a **passionate worshipper & pray-er** to God. He is in awe of God’s holiness.
- **The Word of God** is the foundation of his life, his song/psalm writing & poetry.
- He is a ready **witness** of the work, ways, creation, & laws of God.

Eugene Peterson writes of David in his book Answering God,

“We know more about David than any other person in the biblical communities of faith. We are given David in his youth, his adulthood, and his old age. We are given stories of his life in singleness and marriage, his conduct in war and peace, his splendid holiness and sordid sin, his friendships and betrayals, his terrific triumphs and heartbreaking tragedies. The entire breathtaking sweep of the human condition stretches its horizons in the life of David. There is no part of our lives that does not find some point of illumination or encouragement or rebuke in his life story. The person in scripture who has the most extensively told story is the same person who is shown to be most at prayer. The outside of his life is told in story, the inside is told in prayer. The books—Samuel and Chronicles—give the plot to David’s story, the Psalms show his passion & artistic creativity.”

**1 Samuel 30:6b**, “But David strengthened [encouraged] himself in the Lord his God.” For the context of this verse & the results of his time with God—see I Sam. 29 & 30.

## Jude 20-21 & 24-25

<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life...

<sup>24</sup> Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, <sup>25</sup> To God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

## Psalm 19:7-13

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord *is* perfect, converting the soul;

The testimony of the Lord *is* sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes;

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the Lord *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *and* in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can understand *his* errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins*; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

## Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup> God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, Selah!

<sup>2</sup> That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

<sup>4</sup> Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

For You shall judge the people righteously, and govern the nations on earth. Selah!

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.

<sup>6</sup> Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

<sup>7</sup> God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

## Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! [all the earth].

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, He *is* God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.