

In Praise of our Coming King

Psalm 96

Background: God's covenant box brought to Jerusalem 1Chron 16.23-33

Style: energetic excitement over God's coming King Phil 3.20-21 - a new global perspective

1. The First Call to Worship, vs 1-3

sing to the Lord – he is our audience

- **make it fresh, not stale v1**
sing a new song 33.3; 40.3; 98.1; 144.9; 149.1;
Is 42.10; Rev 5.9; 14.3
- **global, not parochial v1,7**
from every tribe, nation
- **missionary-minded,**
not self-indulgent vs2-3

ceaseless evangelism
worship is the springboard for
mission Lk 24.53; Acts 4.20

2. Reasons for Worship, vs 4-6

Because He's worth it! v4

- **his greatness and superiority v4**
Ps 92.8; 95.3; Ex 18.01-11
- **Maker more worthy than made v5**
idols - worthless
- **his intrinsic magnificence v6**
splendour, majesty
strength, glory Rev 1.12-17

3. Another Call to Worship, vs 7-9

- **worship is giving God his due v7-8**
- **always bring an offering v8**
never empty-handed Dt 16.16
Ps 100.2,4; Heb 10.5-7; Ps
45.12
a thankful, joyful heart

*an available body
an obedient will*

- *recognise God's holiness v9
and his salvation 1 John 1.5-2.2*

4. Celebrate our Coming King, v10-13

- *a global event v10
bringing a permanent state*
- *creation renewed v11-12
liberated from decay Rom 8.19-22
totally transformed 2 Pet 3.7-13
a cause for celebration v11-12*
- *first, judgement must come v13
certain Acts 17.30-31
fair v11,13
no need for saved to fear it
Rom 8.1; 5.9-11; 1 John 5.17*