

**December 8, 2019**  
***The Bridge Bible Fellowship***  
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**Psalm 96**

**“The King is Coming,” Part 1**

**I. Worship & Witness – Cycle 1 (1-6)**

**A. Worship (1-2)**

**B. Witness (3)**

**C. Why (4-6)**

**II. Worship & Witness – Cycle 2 (7-10)**

**A. Worship (7-9)**

**B. Witness (10)**

**III. Wait (11-13)**

**A. With Joy (11-12)**

**B. For the Judge (13)**

**So what?**

## Discussion & Application:

1. Read 1 Chronicles 16. Note that verses 8-22 are in Psalm 105:1-15; verses 23-33 are in Psalm 96; and verses 34-36 are in Psalm 106:1, 47-48. How does 1 Chronicles 16 help us understand the context of these Psalms? What was the ark of the covenant? What did it symbolize? How did this motivate the people to worship and witness?
2. Psalms 67 and 96 have been called “Missionary Psalms.” What do these Psalms tell you about God’s heart for all the nations? How does true worship motivate us to be involved in world missions? How are you specifically involved in getting the gospel out to all the nations so all peoples will become worshipers of the true God?
3. Psalm 96:1-2 tells us to “sing” 3 times. Why the repetition? What does he mean by a “new song”? How do we keep “old songs” from feeling old and stale? (See Lam. 3:19-26) Share some “old truth” that the Lord has recently made “fresh and new” to you.
4. Notice how worship and witness go together in Psalm 96. What are some practical ways we can apply Psalm 96:3? Be specific.
5. Psalm 96:4-6 gives us the reason why we should worship & witness. What is an “idol”? What does the Hebrew word mean? What does this say about the “gods” of all the false religions? What are the specific things in these verses that we can tell others about the only true and living God? Define and give examples for each of the ways God is described.
6. Psalm 96:7-8 tells us to “ascribe” 3 times. What does this word mean? How are we to do this according to verses 8b-9? How could we practically apply this each Sunday when we gather for worship?
7. Read verse 10. Do you believe the LORD truly reigns right now? In what sense? To what degree? How should believing that impact your mind; your emotions; your hope for the future? Is it obvious that you truly believe in God’s absolute sovereign rule? Does your life reflect confidence that Jesus is currently ruling the affairs of this world? Can you boldly proclaim that to the whole world?
8. Notice the verbs in verses 11-12 (glad, rejoice, roar, exult, sing for joy). How does an expectation of the soon return of Jesus Christ to rule and reign on the earth impact you? Do those 5 verbs describe you in your daily routine?
9. Since Jesus is coming again to judge the earth in righteousness and faithfulness, what is going to happen to most of the people on earth when He does? How can you be more actively engaged in getting the gospel out to more and more people?
10. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate yourself as:
  - A worshiper of the only true and living God
  - A witness to others of the greatness of God; calling them to worship Him too
  - One who waits expectantly for the Judge to return
11. What can you do this week to move those numbers up at least 1?
12. **CicLAvia today!** Take some gospel literature, go out on Sherman Way, and tell people about your great God and the great things He has done for you through Jesus Christ.