

# **Sing for Joy**

Psalm 96

## **Discussion Questions:**

What does worship singing do for you?

Do you have a favorite worship song?

# A New Song (v. 1-3)

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**What commands do you find here?**

**Has the Lord ever put a new song in your mouth? What was it?**

# Above all gods (v. 4-6)

- <sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
he is to be feared above all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

# The Lord Reigns (v. 7-10)

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.”  
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.

**What does it mean that the Lord reigns?**

# Creation Rejoices (v. 11-13)

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

<sup>12</sup> Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;  
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

<sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes,  
he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**Why would judgment be a positive thing—something to look forward to?**