

## **PSALM 98 – A Song of Praise (Hallelujah!) to the LORD for His Salvation and Judgment!**

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**JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE** Henry Van Dyke, Beethoven (final movement of Beethoven's final symphony, Symphony No. 9) – London Festival Orchestra (2:02)

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee God of glory, Lord of love Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee Opening to the sun above Melt the clouds of sin and sadness Drive the dark of doubt away Giver of immortal gladness Fill us with the light of day*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays Stars and angels sing around Thee Center of unbroken praise Field and forest, vale and mountain Flowery meadow, flashing sea Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee Ever singing, march we onward Victors in the midst of strife Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life*

**Psalm 98** – is entitled simply "A Psalm." *Psalm 96* – A Song of Praise to God for His Coming Judgment; *Psalm 97* – A Song of Praise to the Sovereign LORD; *Psalm 98* – A Song of Praise to the LORD for His Salvation and Judgment. This Psalm is an Old Testament version of what the New Testament calls the Millennial Reign and the New Heaven and New Earth, following the Second Coming of Christ, when He will establish His Kingdom here on earth! This is something we need to constantly remember. Jesus wants us to focus on this on a daily basis, understanding the Rapture, which is the next step in the whole process.

### **PSALM 98 – Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord – A Psalm**

***Psa 98:1 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 new song that we are to sing unto the Lord is a song that rejoices in the marvelous things that God has done.

***Psa 98:2 The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations (Gentiles).***

- This psalm dwells with or on the kingdom age. We have to project ourselves forward (and soon?) to when the Lord is now reigning upon the earth and the rejoicing and all with the Lord in His reign. He is going to rule with absolute power and all authority, coupled with a heart that is perfect! He is going to rule with righteousness, over the whole earth – ***“in the sight of the nations”!***
- We are to sing unto the Lord a new song, not that God might respond to us, but in our response to God and for what He has done.
- The understanding of the goodness of God and the victories God prompts a response from us. The true order is: God is the initiator and man the responder. We need to recognize what God has done and respond to Him.
- Imagine Him perfectly ruling over the whole earth, so right, so loving and so perfect!

***Psa 98:3 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.***

- This is the reign of Christ now. He is reigning over the earth and Israel is the place of His throne at Mount Zion. He is ruling and reigning from Zion and all the ends of the earth come under the reign, under the authority of the Lord “they have seen the salvation of our God.”

***Psa 98:4 Shout joyfully (split the ears!) to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.***

- The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and they that dwell therein.
- It is going to be a time of celebration for the whole world! Everything will be so right, so perfect!

***Psa 98:5 Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm,***

***Psa 98:6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.***

- The worship that David instituted in Israel must have been exciting. The sounding of the trumpets, the playing of the harps, the sounding of the coronets and the people shouting for joy and the loud singing of the psalms. Thousands upon thousands of voices. It is estimated that at these feasts in Jerusalem

upwards of two hundred thousand people had gathered singing these psalms and the playing of trumpets and coronets in worship to God!

***Psa 98:7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it;***

- Not only will people rejoice but all nature will as well!

***Psa 98:8 Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,***

- Isaiah says, (*Isa 55:12b*) *The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*
- All of creation, not just man, will rejoice over the reign of Jesus on the earth!

***Psa 98:9 For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity (fairness).***

- For - The rejoicing in the Lord because of His coming to judge the earth with righteousness and the people with equity.
- There is the rejoicing in our hearts because He is going to rule and reign in all of this earth. Better! Just think, how much better are the days that are coming for the saints of the LORD! “

#### **SUMMARY: -**

- Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord! 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!
- For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

#### **JOY TO THE WORLD – Isaac Watts – Handel (2:12)**

*1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing*

*2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ. While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat the sounding joy; Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy*

*3 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

*4 Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing!*

#### **PRAY FOR OUR NATION’S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: - PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE OFFICERS/MILITARY;**

**Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation, including:** Narendra Modi- India (1,429; 2.2%) Xi Jinping – China (1,427 million; 7.5% Christian); Joe Biden – USA (329; 26.4%); Joko Widodo – Indonesia (263; 3.1%); Luiz Lula da Silva – Brazil (209; 24.5%) Arif Alvi – Pakistan (208; 0.6%) Shehbaz Sharif – Nigeria (203; 26.2%) Hasina Wazed – Bangladesh (159; 0.4%) Vladimir Putin- Russia (142; 1.4%); Lopez Obrador – Mexico (126; 10.3%) Olaf Scholtz – Germany (80; 2.1%) Rishi Sunak – U.K. (65; 7.8%) Kim Jong-un – North Korea (25; 1.5%)

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