

God's People Have Something to Sing About

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Introduction:

All God's people are to be engaged in worshiping the Lord.

Call to Worship (vv. 1-3)

The call

Sing for joy (1a)

Praise is becoming to (befits, is fitting) to the upright (1b)

Give thanks (2a)

Sing praises (2b)

Sing a new song (3a)

Play skillfully with a shout of joy (3b)

Worship is to be exuberant and done to the best of our ability.

The called

The righteous ones (1a)

The upright (1b)

God's people are called righteous and upright not because of their inherit goodness but because of God's grace.

Titus 3:5

The object of worship

In the Lord (1a)

To the Lord (2a)

To Him (2b, 3a)

It's all about the Lord not those who worship.

The Reasons We Worship the Lord (vv. 4-19)

Because of who He is (vv. 4-5)

For (because)

The word of the Lord is upright (4a)

All His work is done in faithfulness (4b)

He loves righteousness and justice (5a)

The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the Lord (5b)

Because of His work (vv. 6-19)

He is the Creator (6-9)

⁶By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
And by the breath of His mouth all their hosts.

Gen. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24; Heb. 11:3; 2 Cor. 4:6

⁷He gathers the waters of the seas together as a heap;
He lays up the deeps in storehouses.

The Proper Response

⁸Let all the earth fear the Lord;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

⁹For He spoke and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.

He is the Ruler (10-17)

¹⁰The Lord nullifies **the counsel** of the nations;
He frustrates **the plans** of the peoples.

¹¹**The counsel** of the Lord stands forever,
The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.
The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.

¹³The Lord looks from heaven;
He sees all the sons of men;

¹⁴From His dwelling place He looks out
On all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵He who fashions the hearts of them all
He who understands all their works.

¹⁶The king is not saved **by a mighty army**;
A warrior is not delivered **by great strength**.
¹⁷A horse is a false hope for victory;
Nor does it deliver anyone **by its great strength**.

He is the Deliverer (18-19)

¹⁸Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope (or wait) for His lovingkindness,

¹⁹To deliver their soul from death
And to keep them alive in famine.

Confession and Prayer of God's People (20-22)

Confession (20-21)

²⁰Our soul waits for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.

²¹For our heart rejoices in Him,
Because we trust in His holy name.

Prayer (22)

²²Let Your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in (or waited for) You.

Application

Let's evaluate our attitudes toward worship.

Is the focus of our worship ourselves or the Lord?

Let's remind ourselves of the many reasons we have to worship the Lord.