

Declaring God to the Nations  
Psalm 96, Book 4 (Series: Peace in the Storms)  
On November 6, 2022, by Philip Pinto @ Village Bible Church

**Context:**

- Ps. 90-106 (Book 4) Theme: God is Still King

Psalm	Theme
	Prayer acknowledging God's hand of correction <u>and</u> protection ending
90	with a prayer for His favor.
91	Reminding the reader of God's protection
92	Psalm of praise and worship to God
93	A prayer to God declaring His mighty reign Declaring confidence in God's ability and willingness to deliver His people from the wicked even when He used the wicked to punish
94	Israel.
95	Demanding the reader to praise God and not harden the heart
96	Call to declare God's work and glory to the nations. Declaring God's righteousness, demanding a response of
97	righteousness from His people
98	Exalting God's righteousness
99	A call to exalt God Responding to God's goodness, love, and faithfulness with loud
100	praises Responding to God's love and justice, declaring a commitment to
101	stand against the evil doer
102	A prayer of an exiled people for God's deliverance
103	Blessing God for His forgiveness, justice, compassion, love
104	A prayer praising God for his many works A call to thank God among the people for keeping His promise to
105	Abraham/Israel Praising God, calling His people to remember why they were in exile
106	and pray for its end

- This Psalm was introduced when David returned the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem to place it in the Tabernacle (1 Chronicles 15:25-28, 16:1-7)
- It can be found in 1 Chronicles 16:23-34

**Content:**

Stanza 1 calling \_\_\_\_\_ to praise the Lord. (v. 1-6)

- Two calls to worship ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) (v. 1-3)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Him to the nations
- Reasons to praise God and declare His works (v. 4-6)
  - All the other so-called gods, are \_\_\_\_\_ idols
  - Splendor and majesty are before Him
  - Strength and beauty in His sanctuary
  - God \_\_\_\_\_ the heavens

Stanza 2 calling the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world to praise the Lord. (v. 7-10)

- \_\_\_\_\_ that Glory and worship is due to God from *all* the nations
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's future reign and judgment of the world (cf. Is. 45:23; Phil. 2:10-11)

Stanza 3 calling the \_\_\_\_\_ to praise the Lord (v. 11-13). (cf. Ps. 19:1; Is. 55:12; Job 27:7-10; Rom. 8:19)

- The heavens (mega)
- The earth (macro)
- Nature (micro)

we must not be silent, whether we sit together with other believers to sing God's praises, or stand alone to declare Him to hostile people.

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Stanza 1 calling **Israel** to praise the Lord. (v. 1-6)

- Two calls to worship (**directives**) (v. 1-3)
  - **Sing** to the Lord
  - **Declare** Him to the nations
- Reasons to praise God and declare His works (v. 4-6)
  - All the other so-called gods, are **worthless** idols
  - Splendor and majesty are before Him
  - Strength and beauty in His sanctuary

God **made** the heavens Stanza 2 calling the **people** of the world to praise the Lord. (v. 7-10)

- **instructive** that Glory and worship is due to God from *all* the nations
- **predictive** the Lord's future reign and judgment of the world (cf. Is. 45:23; Phil. 2:10-11)

Stanza 3 calling the **creation** to praise the Lord (v. 11-13). (cf. Ps. 19:1; Is. 55:12; Job 27:7-10; Rom. 8:19)

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