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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
Music washes from the soul the dust of everyday life

COMMENT FOR THE WEEK:
Singing together to the Lord embeds the message of His love in our minds and souls. It is a powerful ministry of teaching and encouragement that we share together.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord
(Col 3:16 NKJV)

(from "Our Daily Bread", Mar 6, 2016)

Series: Creation & Salvation
UNIT: All Creation Praises God

NEXT WEEK
Praise God The Provider
(Ps 65:1-13)

Praise God with a New Song Ps 96:1-13

Aim and Application of the Lesson

The lesson reminds us how right and good it is for all creation to **Praise God with a New Song**. The **study's aim** is to see our privileged place in praising God. The **study's application** is to build an attitude and habit of praising God daily.

(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)

Lesson Introduction and Background

Throughout the Psalms we find that we are to sing of God's wondrous works, triumphs in history, glorious attributes, and wonderful characteristics. God Himself is to be the focus of our singing. But this text goes so much further. Notice that it has a worldwide focus. It calls on the whole earth to join in praise to God through singing. The psalm goes on in verse 3 to mention the importance of declaring His glory among the "heathen," in fact, among "all people" (every kind of person in every place). So this is not just a text speaking about praise; it is also a text that speaks of mission. Since God is to be praised by the whole of His creation, we are given the foundation for our worship and also a solid foundation for worldwide missions and evangelism. God is to be praised by every creature in every place. Have we grasped the greatness of the scope of the doctrine of praise? It is more than singing our favorite songs in church. It is a commitment to lift up our great God's name wherever it can be taken in this wide world. The song that is to be sung is a "new" song. There is to be a fresh expression of praise permeating our testimony and witness in the wider world. This is not a command to come up with new songs for singing in our churches. It is a command to tell the story of God's creation and salvation in a fresh way, reflecting a refreshed heart, wherever we go. Remember, the focus is worldwide. The psalm is urgently telling us that God's glory and salvation must be made known everywhere. Let us find new ways to tell the gospel and new ways to praise Him, engaging all of our faculties and creativity to reach the world with the glory of God! We know that this command that God be praised in all the earth is routinely violated by countless souls in innumerable locations around the globe. Day after day men and women in places around the world ignore the living God, believe falsehoods about Him, fight against Him, or trivialize His nature and glory. This command is testimony that God is to be worshipped by those who are currently not doing so. That is why we have missions, because God has commanded worship everywhere. Worship and praise lead to missions, seeking to bring lost men and women in "all the earth" into right relationship with Him through Christ so that they too may fulfill their proper destiny, turning with true worshipping hearts to the One who made them. When men are singing a new song unto the Lord in every place, our mission will be nearing fulfillment. Until that time we have work to do. Missions is not just about church planting or theological education or Bible translation; it is about planting the name of God where it is not known and leading others to become worshippers, filled with authentic praise. That is God's heart. Through praise we fulfill our mission. We commit ourselves to spreading the knowledge of God all over the earth and calling each person to understand why he exists and how to return praise to the living God. What an exciting adventure!

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NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

New Song about God's Glory (Ps 96:1-3)

Glory of His salvation (1-2)

A salvation that brings joy (Ps 51:10-12)

A salvation that should be responded to by rejoicing and glorifying God (Luke 1:46-48)

A salvation that produces perseverance and hope (Rom 5:1-5)

A salvation that is waited on patiently (Rom 8:23-25)

A salvation that gives us an inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-4)

A salvation that purifies (1 John 3:2-3)

Glory of His wonders (3)

Wonders by God like no other (Exodus 15:11)

Wonders that cannot be fathomed (Job 9:10)

Wonders that are marvelous (Ps 72:18)

Wonders that are miraculous (Dan 4:2-3)

Wonders done in heaven and on earth (Dan 6:27)

New Song about God's Greatness (Ps 96:4-6)

Greatness to be feared (4)

Greatness feared because who can stand before God (Ps 76:7)

Greatness feared because God is awesome (Ps 89:7)

Greatness feared because God can kill the body and soul (Matt 10:28)

Greatness feared because judgment is coming (Rev 14:7)

Greatness of the Creator (5)

Creator of things both visible and invisible (Col 1:16)

Creator who has always been the Word (John 1:1-3)

Creator through whom all things consist (1 Cor 8:6)

Creator through whom all things were made (Heb 1:2)

Creator who built everything (Heb 3:3-4)

Greatness in His strength (6)

Strength to protect us from Satan (2 Thess 3:3)

Strength to keep us blameless (1 Cor 1:8)

Strength to stand firm (2 Cor 1:21)

Strength from One who is faithful (Heb 10:23)

Strength that restores (1 Peter 5:10)

New Song about Worshipping God (Ps 96:7-9)

Worship of God's glory (7)

Worship God's glory because He is our only Savior (Jude 24-25)

Worship God's glory because He is our King (Rev 5:13)

Worship God's glory because of His strength (Ps 29:1)

Worship God's glory because of His blessings on us (Luke 2:14)

Worship giving offerings (8)

An offering beyond ability (2 Cor 8:3)

An offering that could be all one has (Mark 12:43-44)

An offering that is given, even though it is the last (1 Kings 17:8-13)

An offering of a life of service that is almost to death (Phil 2:29-30)

Worship of God's holiness (9)

God is Holy because His glory fills the earth (Isa 6:3)

God is majestic in His Holiness (Exodus 15:11)

The heavens declare the Holiness of God (Ps 19:1)

God is Holy because He is Almighty and Everlasting (Rev 4:8)

God is perfect in His Holiness (Matt 5:48)

New Song about God's Judgment (Ps 96:10-13)

Judgment with righteousness (10)

Judgment with righteousness because it is based on truth (Rom 2:2)

Judgment with righteousness because God judges with justice (Ps 9:7-8)

Judgment with righteousness because God is righteous in all His ways (Ps 145:17)

Judgment with righteousness because it is right (2 Thess 1:5)

Judgment rejoiced by nature (11-12)

Nature rejoices because God reigns (Ps 97:1)

Nature rejoices because God populates and covers it (Ps 65:12-13)

Nature rejoices because it is at peace (Isa 14:7)

Nature rejoices because God comforts His people (Isa 49:13)

Judgment with truth (13)

Judgment with truth because God judges with equity (Ps 98:9)

Judgment with truth because with God there are no distinctions (Col 3:11)

Judgment with truth because with God there is no favoritism (James 2:1)

Judgment with truth because God does not judge by human standards (John 8:15-16)

Judgment with truth because God accepts all men who fear Him and do right (Acts 10:34-35)