

The Psalms

Psalms 98 & 100

“Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”
Ps. 119:105

Thursday Bible Study
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Psalm 98 – Make a Joyful Noise!

- Ps 98 is part of a six-psalm set (95-100) that calls upon the people to praise God as the king of all. In this psalm, people worldwide are called to praise God with music and singing.
- Like Ps 96, the psalmists sole purpose of the psalm is to praise the victorious God and his marvelous works

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Psalm 98 – Make a Joyful Noise!

- V. 1 – The Psalmist calls upon everyone to praise Yahweh, but to so with a “new” song.
- Why should we praise him? Because He has done “wonders.”
- His “right hand” – a symbol of authority and power.
- His “holy arm” is saying the same thing. God is a God of mighty power.

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Psalm 98 – Make a Joyful Noise!

- V 2 – “The Lord has made known His salvation” – Not that he has merely proclaimed, but has shown his salvation in His action.
- He has “revealed his righteousness” – His righteous character; his faithfulness to His people.
- Whenever God acts, he illustrates His character as a just God.

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- V. 3 – “He remembered His mercy” – God has kept His word.
- “All have seen the salvation of God.” A quote from Is. 52:10
- V. 4 – “Make a joyful noise to the Lord.” By singing; by instruments of music.
- “Break forth” in a shout to Yahweh.

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- V. 5 – Sing praise to God with both voice and voice and lyre.
- V. 6 – Also use the “shofar” (trumpet). “Raise a shout” – praise God by loudness, not just by harmonics.

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- V. 7-8 – All creation is invited to join in making noise to the Lord:
 - The sea
 - The whole world
 - The rivers
 - The mountains
- V. 9 – God comes to “Judge” – to rule. The psalm calls for universal praise. “Joy to the Word, the Lord has come.”

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Psalm 100 – His steadfast love endures forever

- Ps. 100 is the climax of a group of six psalms. People of all the world are to worship God gladly.
- V. 1 – “Make a joyful noise” – similar to 98:4
- V. 2 – “Serve the Lord in gladness” – In worship and in all acts of obedience.
- V. 3 – Know that the Lord is God – Let all the nations know that Yahweh is the true God. He made us and we belong to him. He is our shepherd who guards and provides for the flock.

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- V. 4 – “Enter with thanksgiving” – To go into the temple is to enter into the presence of God.
- Offer Him thanksgiving and praise.
- Bless his name – acknowledge Him as God.
- V. 5 – God is good; his covenant is everlasting and his promises never change.

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