

PSALM 98 vs 1

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This sacred ode, which bears the simple title: **A Psalm** is an integral part of the series of royal Psalms. If Psalm 97 described the publication of the gospel, and setting up the kingdom, the present Psalm is a kind of **CORONATION HYMN**, proclaiming the conquering Messiah as Monarch over the nations, with blast of trumpets, clapping of hands, and celebration of triumphs. It is bold and lively and these associated Psalms make up a mosaic, in which each one has its place and is necessary to complete the whole. -- Charles Spurgeon.



Divisions: Here in this prophetic Psalm, we have three stanzas of three verses each: the subject of praise is announced (1-3); the manner of that praise is proscribed (4-6); and the universal extent of it is proclaimed (7-9).

A Psalm,

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song; for He has done marvelous things: the victory gained by His right hand and His holy arm.

² The LORD made known His salvation: / His Yeshua to the sight of the nations, He revealed His rightness.

³ He remembered His mercy -- He is full of faith to the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. / to the house of those ruled by God

Think about it: we had a new song before, but now we have another new song, because He comes and conquers. His marvelous acts prove His deity, Jesus is Lord; therefore we sing to Him who is our **salvation** – in Hebrew, our **Yeshua**, where comes the name: **Jesus**. The Lord never stoops to use policy, or brute force; His unsullied perfections secure to Him a real, lasting victory over the powers of evil, and that victory will be gained as easily as when a warrior hits his adversary with his right hand, and stretches him prone upon the earth – Charles Spurgeon. **Mercy = getting what we do not deserve.**

⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth: erupt in cries of joy, sing His praises;

⁵ sing to the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm;

⁶ with trumpets and sound of the horn, shout full of joy before the King, YHWH.

Think about it: pull out the orchestra, don't stop there; raise your voice in chorus from every nation; make the grandest noise of joy and give thanks. Welcome the King of kings, with hosannas; if ever those of Adam's race shout for joy, it should be when He comes among His people. John Wesley said, "Sing lustily, and with good courage." Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; lift your voice with strength. Do not fear the God of our salvation – He is very big, only take care that the song comes from the heart, otherwise it's just noise to His ears. Stiller music such as made the stars twinkle suited His first coming at Bethlehem. But His second arrival calls for trumpets; for He comes in His royal splendor. – Charles Spurgeon.

⁷Let roar: the sea and all that fills it; the world and all who dwell in it;

⁸let floods clap hands: and hills be joyful, united, ⁹before the LORD;

for He comes to judge the earth: He judges the world with rightness, the nations equally.

Think about it: He does things right, with scales that are balanced. The victory celebrated here is what the prophets told the generations would come; the dreaded, terrible Armageddon is over; the Prince of peace has come; and since the psalmist says, that Christ, the Messiah has gotten him the victory by His right hand and His arm, it is not only a demonstration of His divine and infinite power; but also excludes all other means, such as the merits of saints and their specious works. All His creation is once again united in the joyful sound; so let us put off the old, and put on the new; since only the new man sings the new song; so sing, sing, sing a new song for this new mercy. – Martin Luther.

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