

## **Psalm 96**

**Notice the 3 fold calls:  
Sing and Ascribe (urgency)**

### **1. We are to be a singing people (1-2a)**

- to the Lord.
- A new song (future vision of Revelation 5)

### **2. We are to be a proclaiming people (2b-3)**

- not just private praise but public declaration
- tell— day to day (good news that never gets old)
  - His glory — weightiness
  - His works

### **\*\*For the Lord is Great (4-6)**

- he is great and greatly to be praised
- Above all (idols are worthless)
- Parody of Elohim
- “You may have usurped the name of the divine, yet they have nothing of his nature”
  - Elijah vs. prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40)
  - Acts 17- Paul in Athens “altar to the unknown god”
  - Acts 19— Paul in Ephesus, temple of Artemis— Demetrius the craftsman
  - “Gods of the people”
    - What idols do we have that aren’t satisfying?
- He is the creator and ruler
- Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary

### **3. We are to be a sacrificial people (7-8)**

- ascribe = give what’s due to Him
- Bring an offering — praise, time, resources, talents, etc.
- Worship is giving unto the Lord not getting from Him
- What did you get out of worship today?

### **4. We are to be a bold people (10)**

- say among the nations
- The Lord reigns
- Go into all the Earth

### **5. We are to be a rejoicing people (11-13)**

- if the heavens, earth, sea, field, and forest rejoice
- How much more should we?
- Rejoice at what? He is coming to judge
  - He will set all things right