

Singing and the Church

Psalm 96 Study Guide

Psalm 96 is a Psalm which helps guide our worship and our singing, and it's all about the King. A simple outline is "The King's Glory" (1-6), "The King's Due" (7-9), and "The King's Coming" (10-13). Meditating on this Psalm, answer the questions below.

1. Read Psalm 96:1-3. Singing to the Lord is a command.
 - a. To whom does the Psalmist command us to sing to?
 - b. What does He command us to sing?
 - c. What are we to declare?
2. Read Psalm 96:4-6. God alone is worthy of all our worship.
 - a. What reasons are given to sing to the Lord?
 - b. What are some of the "worthless idols" people worship today (96:5)?
 - c. What contrast is given at the end of verse 5 for why we should worship God instead?
3. Read Psalm 96:7-9. Worshipping God requires action.
 - a. What does it mean to "ascribe" something to God?
 - b. How does verse 8 suggest we ascribe glory to God?
 - c. What does verse 9 say will be the effect of a right understanding of God and true worship?
4. Read Psalm 96:10-14. True worship doesn't just reach up, it reaches *out*.
 - a. Who does verse 10 tell us to address?
 - b. What are we supposed to tell them?
 - c. Why is this an important message for the world?
 - d. What happens to this message if we tell the world God loves them but leave this out?
 - e. Why is God's judgment of the world something worth singing about?