



**What does it mean to "sing a new song"?** Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. Psalm 98 prepares us for the first portion of morning public worship on the coming Lord's Day. In these nine verses, the Holy Spirit teaches us that we are not to sing God's songs as dead repetition, but as genuine interactions with Him, as He advances His work in redemption. In this way, His songs are new as Christ comes, and ascends, and the gospel goes forth to all the nations—even unto the last and great day, in which the creation itself will rejoice with the children of God (cf. Romans 8:18–26).

## Tuesday, November 9, 2021 ▫ Read Psalm 98

Questions from the Scripture text: To whom are we to sing (v1)? What kind of song? Why—what has happened to occasion this new song? What has Yahweh made known (v2a)? What has He revealed (v2b)? In whose sight? What has He remembered (v3a)? Who has seen this (3b)? Who, then, is to shout joyfully to Him (v4)? Into what are they to break forth (4b)? What priestly instruments are named in vv5–6? What parts of creation join this praise in vv7–8? At what point (v9) has all of creation become the church?

Next week's Call to Worship, Prayer for Help, and Song of Adoration come from Psalm 98.

There is little that will give us a bigger view of God, more honest view of ourselves, and therefore a more damning view of our sin than beholding God as Creator, Redeemer, King, and Judge.

Here is a Psalm that claims to be a "New Song" on the occasion of the Lord's having won the victory, kept His covenant, spread His church, and returned to judge.

What has gained Him the victory? Not the works of men sustained by Him, but only His own work. His right hand. His holy arm. Because there was none to save, the Lord Himself has come to do the saving—by Himself alone. Hallelujah! (cf. Isa 41:28–42:4; 59:16–21)

He revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. How? By displaying the Pharisees, who deluded themselves into thinking they were doing a great job of obeying the commandments? No! But by displaying His Son as the payment for sin, showing God's righteousness to be so complete and so exact that nothing less could ever satisfy it (cf. Rom 3:21–26).

What's wonderful is that Jesus isn't just displayed to the nations (at the cross, at Pentecost, and in the spread of the gospel), but He is the Savior of the nations. All who believe into Him are engrafted into Israel. God's covenant love and covenant faithfulness to Israel (v3) turn the entire earth into His redeemed worshipers (v4).

The nations—and indeed the entire creation (cf. v7–8)—become members of the sacred assembly.

Not only do they sing and shout, but the priestly instruments which were ordained by King David are commanded here to accompany the singing (v5–6). In great David's greater Son, the priesthood may be abolished, but there is still a melody (grace, Col 3:16) played upon an instrument (our hearts, Eph 5:19).

This is a song for when all nations shout before their King (v6) upon His coming in glory to be Judge of all (v9)! It's a salvation song. It's a Christian song. It's that New Song that we will sing forever and ever in glory. May God fill our hearts with its praise already now, while we continue to wait for its final fulfillment!

How has God displayed His righteousness and salvation? How does it increase your praise to God to remember that you didn't contribute anything to your salvation? Who will so praise?

*Sample prayer:* Lord, in Jesus You have displayed not only Your righteousness and salvation but even Your very Self. Forgive us for when we are overly impressed by created things, or under-impressed by You, our Creator and Redeemer. We have robbed ourselves of the joy and peace that comes from confidence in Your victory and Your justice. But You, O God, have redirected our faith once again to Yourself, in Whom we rejoice, AMEN!

**Suggested songs: ARP98 "O Sing a New Song to the Lord" or TPH98A "O Sing a New Song to the Lord"**

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Psalm 98 these are the words of God. ASAM is saying to y'all but a new song, for he has done marvelous things, his right hand and his only arm have gained in the victory Yahweh has made man his salvation, his righteousness he has revealed in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his mercy and his faithfulness to the House of Israel.

All the ends of the Earth have seen the salvation of our God shout.

Joyfully to go over all.

The earth break.

Fortune song, rejoice and sing praises.

Sing to you.

Already with the heart with the heart and the sound of a song.

With trumpets and the sound.

Of a horn shout joyfully.

Before you always the king, let the sea roar and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it.

OK.

But the rivers clap their hands, let the hills be joyful together before y'all went four.

He is coming to judge the Earth.

With righteousness he shall judge the world and the peoples with equity. So far the reading of God's inspired and inerrant word.

One of the blessings that we get in this quote unquote week off for me is that all of the.

Ordinary series are interrupted, and in order then that we would be clear in the public worship on the coming Lord's Day that we are singing songs that the Lord has put into our mouths. We're going to have an exclusive psalmody.

Lord's day. So we're having Psalm 98 at the beginning and not knowing exactly where Pastor Brown is going in the preparation of the sermon. Although you certainly could.

Preach the themes of it from Matthew 17 one through 20 we're having Psalm 23B.

After the sermon.

Not a little bit because it is one of Sophie's and Zach and Gracie Rentschler's favorite songs, and it's good for the whole congregation to be able to sing hardly even and especially sometimes those who are not yet reading well.

But the song that we're having at the beginning is Psalm 98.

We notice it starts out Asam eising to Yahoo and new song.

Now there are some fools that we shouldn't be so free with my language.

'cause fool has a biblical sense.

One who doesn't believe in God.

There are some who make the silly argument.

Let's put it that way.

That this means that we're always required to send some different content before God.

Which would be quite silly.

First of all, because here is a song that is being written for the church to sing, and I'm assuming he meant for it to be sung more than once.

And so once it had.

Ceased to be a brand new song.

It was not thereby disqualified from being sung, the.

Song itself gives us.

What it means to sing a new song and that is to sing it freshly and newly every time we do, especially with respect to our interaction with the Lord in the moment in which we.

Sing it so that we don't think it merely as something that belongs to the tradition of the past, but that we always sing from God's word. What he has put in our minds in the context of how God is interacting with us now.

And how do we get that from this Psalm?

Where we get that from this song because a number of the.

Things that he gives them to sing about in Psalm 98 are things that aren't going to happen until Jesus comes, and 1/2 of the Psalm just about or maybe 1/3 of the.

Problem at the end isn't even going to occur until Jesus comes again, and so part of this Psalm is something that we are looking forward to being fulfilled even in the future and surely.

You would sing the song in one way, looking forward to Christ's coming and in a completely different way in that New Testament Apostolic Church as they realize who Jesus is and that it's God, the son who he has come and announced to salvation. And now it's actually going.

Out to the nations.

Verse two his righteousness he has revealed in the sight of the nations he remembered his fecked and Emmett, his covenant, love, and covenant.

Faithfulness is truthful.

To the House of Israel.

But the promises that.

God has been.

Making to Israel throughout the Old Testament are promises for a salvation.

That is for.

All of the nations.

God has chosen and is redeeming, and has the Lord Jesus has died for.

His chosen ones from all of the nations, and so.

And verse two and verse three are have in mind the season not only of Christ's death and resurrection, but as the the good news of Christ's death and resurrection going out. God is praised not only for Jesus accomplishing.

Our redemption in his.

Life, but for how that word and that salvation goes out to all the earth as.

He gathers in.

The elect by the preaching of the gospel.

So this is a mission Psalm as God is praised for making his salvation known, not just accomplishing his salvation.

But making it known and we find out.

That it's not just all of the peoples who are praising him as the gospel goes out and goes out and goes out.

But as we know, for instance from Psalm 8, the missionary enterprise has an end point and once all the elect are converted.

Then shall come the end.

When the children of God are revealed in the redemption of their bodies at the resurrection, and the creation is groaning and longing for that day to come the day that the souls under the altar, for instance, in revelation Chapter 6 and the 5th seal, they're crying.

How long no?

Lord, he says, until the number is complete, well, once God has brought all of those for whom the Lord Jesus has died to faith, then the end will come.

Jesus will return and he will judge the earth with equity and finally everything will be perfectly but.

Punished that has been done against him and.

Against his people.

And the creation that is groaning towards that day, there will be a new creation in the.

The new heavens and a new earth, and this idea that the point of creation has always been to look forward to redemption even before the fall.

There are aspects of Eden that look forward to the glory of the garden at the end of Revelation.

Even even though Eden was very good, it was very good in a way that it could end that until the fall and redemption and the coming of Christ and the second coming of Christ.

It could only be very good in a particular way, but.

When heaven and.

Earth, as it were, are married in the incarnation and redemption and resurrection.

The glorification, the return.

Of Christ and.

And the glorification of all those who are Christs.

You know there's there are things that Eden just could not have.

Yes, it was very good.

It didn't have blemishes, but it was looking forward to something just like Adam made in the image of God was knowledge and righteousness and holiness.

And yet he fell in order that we might be redeemed by Christ so that we could be.

United to the to God the Son, and we could be conformed to his image, and we could be adopted as the children of God the Father.

And we could be indwelt by the third person of the Holy Spirit.

Who is for us, not just God the Holy Spirit, but his scripture describes in the spirit of the sun.

There are things that we.

Get in God's plan to redeem us through Jesus that are infinitely better than Adam had in the garden and lost.

And so there is this picture in this Psalm of the creation itself.

The new creation, not just new heavens but new Earth, looking forward to and rejoicing.

No longer is it bound to corruption and decay the way that God had bound it in hope.

Looking forward.

To the last day, according to Romans chapter.

But it too rejoices in its participation and the glorious freedom of the children of God at the resurrection.

And that's why you have let the sea.

Roar and all its fullness the world, and although it let the rivers clap their hands, let the hills be joyful together.

Before y'all play.

There is a participation in which the creation itself is looking forward to the redemption.

And the fulfillment, and so you know, clapping shenanigans aside, what we are really doing as we sing that part of the song.

Is rejoicing in the knowledge that one day, that the creation that is currently groaning.

And it's bound to to chaos and is suffering the misery of being cursed for the sake of Adamson.

One day it will enjoy.

The liberty that Jesus has won for us when we are perfect, perfect in holiness.

When our bodies have been glorified.

When all of the misery you come, you know this late in the day, and just about every day we feel like, oh.

I've messed up so much or I've wasted so much of her things went poorly and not just differently in God's good Providence to me. But in ways that I have to repent of and look to him for grace. Yeah, there's coming a day when we'll never have another day like that again.

And the creation itself also.

Will no longer be broken and corrupted and cursed.

So we will sing this song now after we pray in a way that looks forward to that prospect, but the way we'll sing it on the day that it comes.

Will be different.

And we'll keep singing it newly every time.

When the scripture tells us.

Sing to Yahweh, a new song that reminds us that he's always working in our lives and there's always progress in that work and you are not to worship him as a dead recital of things that have been written for you to read and pray and hear and sing.

A long time ago.

But always worship him as an interaction with him.

In terms of what he is doing in your life right now and who he has made himself to be to you and whom he has made you to be to himself, interact with your God when we worship and when we sing in a moment, let's pray.

We thank you and praise you more, Jesus that.

You have come.

And you have kept steadfast love and faithfulness.

Went to Israel.

You lived a perfect life in our place.

Died the atoning death that we needed.

You rose again with power and you have ascended and you reign, and we thank you that you have sent forth your spirit, and that he.

As causing your word to go forth, your gospel to go forth and attending it with power and gathering in the redeemed from all the nations that you have published, your salvation to the ends of the earth.

We thank you for the knowledge that that of which we read and pray and sing.

In this Psalm.

It's something that we shall see with our eyes even after our flesh has decayed, because you will raise us again from the dead with bodies.

Well made like Jesus his glorified body.

And so we pray that you would help us to sing this Psalm for the rest of our earthly lives in this hope, knowing that for us you are always doing the work of growing us in Christ and conforming us to his image and that.

For your people as a whole and for the world as a whole, you are always doing the work of sending forth the gospel.

I'll grant that it would go forth, gather in your people, extend your Kingdom, and until the day when all the kingdoms of the Earth have become the Kingdom of our Lord and God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes, he sings in his name, he met.