**Psalm 96**

10 Ways to Express Thankfulness to God

1. Sing unto the Lord a new song (v 1, 2)
* NOTE: Repeated three times
* To whom should we sing? Unto the Lord
	+ God is the only person to whom we are directed to sing in the Scriptures
* What should we sing? A new song
* What is a new song?
	+ Different from the old song
		- Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 Cor 5:17)
		- Old way was all about us? Pride, self-esteem, luxury, prosperity, ease, sex, lust, and greed
		- New way is all about God? Praise, repentance, salvation, humility, and Jesus Christ
	+ A new song is about the new blesses God gives us every day
		- 32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. 33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men. (Lam 3:32-33)
		- It’s important to remember God’s blessings, but it is also important to recognize His continued blessings
			* And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and [that] the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day. (Deut 5:15)
			* Thou shalt not be afraid of them: [but] shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; (Deut 7:18)
1. Bless his name (v 2)
* Reverence the Lord’s name
	+ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold [him] guiltless that taketh his name in vain. (Deuteronomy 5:11)
* Bless = kneel before his name
	+ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth; (Philippians 2:10)
* His name matters
	+ 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20 AV)
	+ 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John’s baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard [this], they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 19:3-5)
1. Shew forth his salvation from day to day (v 2)
	* Praise the Lord each day for your salvation!
		+ A new heart (salvation)
		+ Results in a new song
		+ Results in a new message
	* NOTE: Pastor’s perspective – The great commission was given to every member of the Lord’s churches. What would Hope Baptist Church be if everyone had your sense of urgency or testimony?
	* NOT just on Sunday. NOT just at church visitation – DAY to DAY!
2. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among people (v 3)
	* And he hath put a new song in my mouth, [even] praise unto our God: many shall see [it], and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. (Psalms 40:3)
	* Why?
3. The Lord is great and greatly to be praised (v 4)
4. He is to be feared above all gods (v 4)
5. Honor and majesty are before him (v 6)
6. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary (v 6)
7. Give unto the Lord (v 7)
	* NOTE: Repeated three times
	* Glory and strength
	* Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these [things] God will bring thee into judgment. (Eccl 11:9)
	* Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; (Ecclesiastes 12:1)
	* Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto [this] generation, [and] thy power to every one [that] is to come. (Psalms 71:18)
	* The glory due his name
		+ In every situation, recognize that God is good, holy, just and righteous
8. Bring an offering (v 8)
* 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye [are] cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, [even] this whole nation. (Malachi 3:8-9)
* For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matthew 6:21)
1. Come into his courts (v 9)
	* Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8)
2. Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness (v 9)
* 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (Eph 5:25-27)
* Cleansed by the Word of God
* Holiness is an outcome of our walk with Christ
1. Fear before him (v 9)
	* Spurgeon – “Men of the world ridiculed “the Quakers” for trembling when under the power of the Holy Spirit; had they been able to discern the majesty of the Eternal they would have quaked also.
2. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth (v 10)
	* Why?
3. He’s coming to judge the earth (v 10,13)
4. He’s coming back (v 13)

NOTICE: Creation rejoices and is glad