

Psalm 96:1-2 (NLT)

Sing a new song to the LORD! Let the whole earth sing to the LORD! ² Sing to the LORD; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

Psalm 96:4-5 (NLT)

Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.

⁵ The gods of other nations are mere idols, but the LORD made the heavens!

Psalm 96:9-10 (NLT)

Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.
Let all the earth tremble before him. ¹⁰ Tell
all the nations, “The LORD reigns!” The
world stands firm and cannot be shaken.
He will judge all peoples fairly.

Psalm 96:12-13 (NLT)

Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! Let the trees of the forest rustle with praise ¹³ before the LORD, for he is coming! He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with his truth.

**Sovereign KING
and JUDGE**

Psalm 96:1-13

**Missions exists because
worship does not.**

Worship is ultimate, not missions,
because **God is ultimate**, not man.

→ It is **NOT** enough to merely **LIVE**
the gospel - it will take **WORDS**

² ...**PROCLAIM** His **SALVATION**
day after day.

Romans 10:14 (NLT)

But how can they call on Him to save them unless they BELIEVE in Him?

And how can they BELIEVE in Him if they have never HEARD about Him?

And how can they hear about Him unless someone TELLS them?

→ God does **NOT** want to share
MY Heart with Idols

⁴ ...He is to be **FEARED** above all gods.

⁵ The **gods** of other nations are mere **idols**,
but the **LORD** made the heavens. (NLT)

Isaiah 44:18-19 (NLT)

¹⁸ Such stupidity and ignorance! **Their eyes are closed, and they cannot see. Their minds are shut, and they cannot think.** ¹⁹ The person who made the idol never stops to reflect, “Why, it’s just a block of wood. I burned half of it for heat and used it to bake my bread and roast my meat. **How can the rest of it be a god?** Should I bow down to worship a piece of wood?”

Isaiah 42:8 (NET)

I AM the **LORD**. That is my **NAME**.

I will NOT share MY glory

with ANYONE else,

OR the praise DUE ME with idols.

→ It is Impossible for **FINITE** humans
to Fully Grasp an **INFINITE** God

⁴ ...He is to be **FEARED** above all gods.

⁶ **Honor** and **majesty** surround Him;
strength and **beauty** fill His sanctuary.

(NLT)

In this call for the universal worship of
God, we hear the missionary heartbeat
of this psalm.

Williams

→ There is an Invitation to **ALL NATIONS** to **Worship** the True God

⁷ O nations of the world, recognize the **LORD**; recognize that the **LORD** is **glorious and strong**.

⁸ **Give to the LORD the glory he deserves**. **Bring your offering and come into his courts.** (NLT)

Galatians 3:8-9 (NLT)

What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would declare the **Gentiles** to be **righteous because of their FAITH.**

God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "**All nations will be blessed through you.**"⁹ So **all** who put their **FAITH** in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

Mark 11:17 (NIV)

...Is it not written: **My house will be called** a house of prayer for **all nations?** ...

Isaiah 9:7 (NIV)

Of the **increase of His government** and **peace** there will be **no end**. **He will reign ON David's throne** and **over his kingdom, establishing** and upholding it with **justice** and **righteousness** from that time on and **FOREVER...**

Instead of ongoing international chaos
in human history the world will be
SETTLED and efficiently managed
by the **Messiah** in the **millennial**
kingdom.

Romans 8:19-21 (NIV)

The creation waits in eager expectation for the **sons of God to be revealed.** ²⁰ For the creation was **subjected to frustration**, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that **the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay** and brought into the **glorious freedom of the children of God.**

→ There is **Anticipation** and **JOY**
Waiting for **God to come** and **JUDGE**

¹¹ Let the heavens **rejoice**... let the sea
resound... ¹² let the fields be **jubilant**...
all the trees of the forest will **sing for joy**...
¹³ they will sing before the LORD
...**He comes to judge the earth**

The ancient near east was a world where
judges usually needed to be bribed
and **right judgment** was exceedingly
hard to come by, ESPECIALLY for
weak, poor, or disadvantaged persons.

CS Lewis

¹⁰ Say among the nations:
The **LORD REIGNS**. The world is firmly
established; it cannot be shaken.
He **JUDGES** the peoples **FAIRLY**.

(HCS)

John 3:16-18 (NIV)

For God **did not send his Son** into the world to **CONDEMN** the world, but to **SAVE** the world through Him.

¹⁸ **Whoever BELIEVES** in Him is **NOT condemned**, but whoever does **NOT BELIEVE** stands condemned already because he has **not believed** in the **NAME** of God's one and only Son.