

The Promise of King Jesus – Psalm 98

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Psalm 98 part of a series of Psalms 93, 95-99

“The LORD is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. Your throne, O LORD has stood from time immemorial. You yourself are from the everlasting past...Your reign, O LORD, is holy forever and ever.” Psalm 93:1-2 & 5

Psalm 98 invites us to joyfully celebrate...

1. God’s wonderful deeds

“Sing a new song to the LORD for he has done wonderful deeds. His right hand has won a mighty victory; his holy arm has shown his saving power!” Ps 98:1

“But Moses told the people, ‘Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the LORD rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The LORD himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.” Exodus 14:13-14

“When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the LORD had unleashed against the Egyptians they were filled with awe before him. They put their faith in the LORD and in his servant Moses.” Exodus 14:31

“The LORD is my strength and my song: he has given me victory. This is my God and I will praise him-my father’s God, and I will exalt him!” Exodus 15:2

How do I keep a record of God’s wonderful deeds in my life? _____

2. God revealed for all of us

“The LORD has announced his victory and has revealed his righteousness to every nation!” Psalm 98:2

“Sovereign Lord, now let our servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!” Luke 2:29-32

Do I know him? _____

3. God’s faithfulness to His promises

“He has remembered his promise to love and be faithful to Israel. The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.” Ps 98:3

- **Remembered** – For God to remember is for him to attend to it and move to act. “God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He looked down on the people of Israel and knew it was time to act.” Ex 2:24-25
- **His promise** – to love & be faithful to Israel
 - Loving – “God so loved the world that he sent his Son” “God is love”
 - Faithful – true to his word, he can’t be anything else. That is his DNA “I will never leave you or forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5
“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.”
- **Benefits of God’s wonderful deeds** extends to the whole world. Includes me! “The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.” Ps 98:3

Do I live in the light of God’s faithfulness to me? _____

4. Whole of creation is invited to sing a song of joyful praise

“Shout to the LORD, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy! Sing your praise to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and melodious song, with trumpets and the sound of the ram’s horn. Make a joyful symphony before the LORD, the King!” Ps 98:4-6

- “To the LORD the King” – the one true God
- For what God has done – bringing the light to the whole world

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it. God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe...The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created but the world didn’t recognise him.” John 1:5-10

- **Joyful praise is extended to all living things** (v7-8)

“Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the earth and all living things join in. Let the rivers clap their hands in glee! Let the hills sing out their songs of joy before the LORD...” Ps 98:7-8

Why praise from all creation? “all creation looks forward that day of glorious freedom from death and decay” Rom 8:19-23

“...for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with justice, and the nations with fairness (equity).” Ps 98:9

“The LORD reigns! The world stands firm and cannot be shaken. He will judge all peoples fairly.” Ps 96:10-13

Are you submitting to Gods rule in your life each day? _____