

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

Psalm 98, A Prayer of Praise

Praying the Psalms

- Written by different people over a 1,000 year period, the Psalms take on a variety of themes.
- Psalms have been used by believers for centuries as a guide and a tool for worship, praise and meditation.
- Having ancient roots, Psalms still serve as a relevant way to respond to and come before God.

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Verses 1-3

- Praise as a natural response to what God has done.
- Lays out the “why” for coming before God in praise.

Verses 4-6

- Both descriptive and prescriptive for what it means to praise God.
- Not limited to just lyre and horn, but describing the joyous songs and joyful noises that are brought before God in praise.

Verses 7-9

- Even creation breaks out in praise to God.
- This psalm of praise concludes with a confidence and hope in the coming judgment of God on the last day.

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Psalm 98

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

² The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

⁹ before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.