

PRAYING PSALM 98

This psalm is almost entirely praise. It creates excitement for the coming of Christ's kingdom. Here is a summary: Every victory deserves a new song (1). He has done marvelous things. His has gained the victory. God is pictured as a warrior who won't compromise with sin (2). The ends of the earth have seen the salvation of the Lord (3). We are exhorted to shout and sing and praise the Lord with instruments (5-6). Nature is pictured as rejoicing over the coming of Jesus to reign (7-8). The world will see the salvation of the Lord (9).

Many psalms tell us to praise God by singing a new song. I'm not sure how many understand the importance of this, but the fact that the Holy Spirit exhorted praise through song so many times reveals its importance to God. Is it important to you? Try singing praises for your victories. Sing for the marvelous things He has done for you. Nature sings in its own way (7-8). Perhaps that tells us the most natural way to praise is to sing. However you praise, you are doing it before the King.