



CHILDREN BROCHURE

MORAVIAN CHURCH – BARBADOS CONFERENCE Provincial Theme: Advance the Kingdom: S.H.I.F.T.

S. – Seek & Submit
H. – Hear & Heed
I. – Imagine & Insight
F. – Focus & Function
T. – Totally Transformed

S.H.I.F.T.

Age: 13 yrs. & Over

July 18

Sing with me:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNnTFDNPT3U>

Majesty, Worship His majesty

Maranatha! Music

Memory verse Psalm 96:4, 9 (NLT)

⁴ Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
He is to be feared above all gods.
⁹ Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.
Let all the earth tremble before him.

Scripture: Psalm 96 (NLT)

Read with me

A Song of Praise to God

1 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.

3 Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

4 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!

6 Honor and majesty surround him;
strength and beauty fill his sanctuary.

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.

9 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.

11 Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!
Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!

12 Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!
Let the trees of the forest sing for joy

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.

Let us talk about it:

"Sing a new song to the Lord". This is a very fitting beginning to this psalm, which exhorts us to worship God with a new song. So what is a new song, you may ask. Today, with the continued effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, you hear a lot about a new normal. When we read this Psalm 96, which was written so many centuries ago, the psalmist was encouraging people to worship God. Today, we are still encouraged to worship God. What do we think of when we hear about worshipping God? Is there a new normal to worshipping God? How do you worship God? Maybe we should stop and look at the word "worship". Worship may be defined as the "humble recognition and appreciation of God's worth, resulting in awe and exaltation of God."

In worship, we give worth to a person or object that we value in life. A person pays a lot of attention to their car, and people say they are worshipping the car. Have you ever heard the expression "she worships the ground he walks on"? Meaning that a person might think so much of another person, they just love everything the second person does, and finds no fault with what the person does. Generally, the words we say and the things we do, tell what we value in life. Some people go to the cricket match just to see their favourite cricketer, and become very upset when the performance of the cricket is not up to standard, or go to a concert just to see their favourite performer. Think about what is happening in Barbados now. Listen to the expressed

disappointment of not having Crop Over this year again. Oh yes, we love Crop Over, and make many sacrifices just to attend Crop Over events.

Worship of God, then, is revealed through our actions, words, and thoughts as we glorify Him. Basically, what we do reveals how much we value God. Firstly, God instructed us to worship only Him. Exodus 20:3: “You shall have no other gods before Me.” This command says whatever holds a supreme place in a person’s life is a god. God tells us we are not to worship anything or person other than Him. God further instructs us not create or bow down to other gods. God knows we will naturally seek out and worship false gods. You may not be aware you are doing it, but yes, you love the new bicycle, or the new tablet, so much, it comes as if you are worshipping it.

In verse 4 of Psalm 96 we are told to fear God. But fearing God does not mean to be afraid of God. God does not want us to be afraid of Him. Fear God simply means to respect, honour, and worship the Lord. To fear God and obey God's commands is the most important thing we can do. And we do this by worshipping God. There is nothing to be afraid of. God is a loving and forgiving God.

Consider also verse 9. “Worship the Lord in all his holy splendor. Let all the earth tremble before him.” Here the psalmist further describes how God should be worshiped, which is in His holy splendour. Let your worship to God be sincere. The psalmist suggests to us that God values the attitude and manner of our worship as much as our activities of worship. God created us to have a relationship with Him, and worship is an integral part of that relationship. Let us, as we go forward, create an atmosphere of worship, showing respect and obedience to God, through prayer and thankfulness.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord, I adore You for all the works of Your hands, that show me so much wisdom, goodness and mercy. You have spread so much beauty over the earth and for that I thank You. I am encouraged to praise you, O Lord. Your light wakes up my mind and You are the delight of my heart. O Lord, I want to praise and glorify You for Your love to me and all my friends. May we continue to worship and adore You all our days. Amen.

Activity

A

Search the Psalms:

Throughout the Book of Psalms, the People of God took every opportunity to praise and worship the Lord. They knew praising God was of utmost importance both in times of plenty and in lack. So as you prayerfully read these verses through, allow the words to penetrate your whole being — mind, body and soul — in faith. Not only will you feel better (physically, emotionally and spiritually), but God will show up in ways you do not expect. It has been proven time and time again, praise and worship changes everything.

Here are other psalms that teach us about worship. Find a time every day to read one of these Psalms:

Psalm 34:1-9 – Thanksgiving and Praise

Psalm 89:5-8, 14-18 – Psalm of Praise and Worship

Psalm 95:1-7 – Thanksgiving and Praise

Psalm 92:1-8 – Psalm of Praise

Psalm 100:1-5 – The “Thanksgiving” Psalm

Psalm 103:1-6, 22 – Classic Psalm of Thanksgiving and Praise

Psalm 111:1-5 – Praise and Adoration

B

Here is a Bible Trivia Quiz for you.

I hope that you can answer all the questions. Circle the letter that you think best answers the question or completes the statement. If you are not sure, ask someone. Have fun.

1. The first detailed song in the Bible is found in the book of Exodus. Who led the Israelites in this song found in Chapter 15 verse 1-18?

Noah (b) Moses (c) Joshua (d) Isaac

2. ***“Spring up, O well! Sing about it, about the well that the princes dug, that the nobles of the people drank – the nobles with scepters and staffs.”***

This is another instance of the Israelites singing in praise. Was this when God gave them water from a rock?

Yes (b) No

3. ***“Hear this, you Kings! Listen, you rulers! I, even I, will sing to the Lord; I will praise the Lord, the God of Israel, in song.”***

Which judge led the Israelites in song after victory in a battle?

(a) Gideon (b) Samson (c) Ehud (d) Deborah

4. When Hannah finally gave birth to a son after years of being childless, she sang a song of praise.

“My heart exults in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord, My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.”

What did she name this child given to her by God?

Answer: _____ (one word)

5. ***“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom shall I take refuge, My shield and the horn of my salvation.”***

This song is found twice in the Bible – in the book of Psalms and in 2 Samuel. Who sings it?

Samuel (b) Saul (c) Solomon (d) David

6. David appointed Asaph and his family as worship leaders and a song sung by Asaph is found in 2 Chronicles. Did Asaph also write some of the Psalms?

(a) Yes (b) No

7. 2 Chronicles contains what is often considered the shortest song in the Bible. ***“He is good; his love endures forever.”*** When did the Israelites sing this?

- (a) Solomon is crowned king.
- (b) The Ark of the Covenant is brought to the temple
- (c) Goliath is killed
- (d) The Israelites return from captivity.

8. In 2 Chronicles we find another praise song. ***“Give thanks to the Lord for his love endures forever.”***

Which king of Israel sent singers to lead his army while they marched out to face the enemy?

- Asa (b) Jehoshaphat (c) Josiah (d) Rehoboam

9. ***“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.”***

Which woman, chosen by God to give birth to his son, sings these words of praise in the book of Luke?

Answer: _____ (one word (Name only))

10. The song of Moses, which is the first song in the Bible, is also found in the last book, Revelation.

- (a) True (b) False

(The answers will be posted in next week's lesson.)