

GOD PUT YOU HERE

Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Timothy 1:12-20 / Proverbs 31:1-31

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I. God Is Great

A. Believers start life over in Christ. “*O sing unto the LORD a new song*: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.” (PSALM 96:1)

1. That new song is the baby’s song of spiritual or second birth. “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, *Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*” (JOHN 3:3)

2. When babies have finished the new song they want to be fed. “*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word*, that ye may grow thereby:” (1 PETER 2:2)

B. When babies mature into adults they bring the same passion to supplying new babies. “Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; *shew forth his salvation from day to day.*” (PSALM 96:2)

C. Healthy babies stay on message. “*Cast away from you all your transgressions*, whereby ye have transgressed; and *make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die*, O house of Israel?” (EZEKIEL 18:31)

D. Share the joy of life and display family pride. “*Declare his glory among the heathen*, his wonders among all people. For the LORD *is* great, and greatly to be praised: *he is to be feared above all gods.*” (PSALM 96:3-4)

E. People who have been born again want other people to share in the new life and its wonders. “*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you*: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.” (MATTHEW 28:19-20)

F. There is no reason to be afraid or to hold back. “For *all the gods of the nations are idols*: but the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty *are* before him: strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.” (PSALM 96:5-6) **OUR DAD REALLY CAN LICK THEIR DAD.**

II. Show God Proper Respect

A. How valuable is the Christian life? “Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, *give unto the LORD glory and strength.*” (PSALM 96:7)

B. Empathy works in two directions; as Jesus empathizes with the sinners He saves, the born again empathize with other sinners who need salvation. “Who being the *brightness of his glory*, and the *express image of his person*, and upholding all things by the word of his power, *when he had by himself purged our sins*, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;” (HEBREWS 1:3)

C. Evangelism is the maturing of empathy. “Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: *bring an offering, and come into his courts. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness*: fear before him, all the earth.” (PSALM 96:8-9)

D. Evangelism develops natively from being evangelized. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, **which is your reasonable service.**” (ROMANS 12:1)

III. Teach Other People To Show Proper Respect

A. Sin doesn't work; share the new song. “**Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth:** the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: **he shall judge the people righteously.**” (PSALM 96:10)

B. From the baby's new song to the parent's lullaby is a normal and inevitable process. “For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great among the Gentiles; and in **every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen,** saith the LORD of hosts.” (MALACHI 1:11)

C. Babies who do not sing their new songs are failing to flourish. “Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as **this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me,** and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, **I will proceed to do** a marvellous work among this people, **even a marvellous work and a wonder:** for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and **the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.**” (ISAIAH 29:13-14)