

Prayer Concerns:**Worship in the Splendor of God's Holiness**

Psalm 96 [Page 934]

A. Sing to the Lord a new song. [1-3]

1. We sing a new song because God's _____ are _____ . [Lam. 3:22-23]
2. Worship is about _____ God for who He _____ and what He _____

B. Fear God above all "gods." [4-6]

1. God _____ is _____ of _____.
All other "gods" are _____
2. _____, _____, _____, and _____
_____ belong to God alone.

C. Come before God with gifts of gratitude and submission. [7-9]

1. We enter God's presence to _____ rather than to _____
2. Worship is about _____ before the Lord.

D. Rejoice in God's rule and reign over all the earth. [10-13]

1. We rejoice because Jesus rules _____
2. We rejoice knowing Jesus will one day _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What is your favorite new song on the radio (or Spotify, Pandora, etc.)? From church?

Digging Deeper:

Read Psalm 96

1. Psalm 96:1 calls us to “*Sing to the Lord a new song...*” Read Lamentations 3:22-24. How does the fact that God renews His faithfulness to us each morning give us new songs to sing?
2. What are the six imperatives in verses 1-3? How do we express these in our worship?
3. God alone is worthy of our praise. All other “gods” are “nothings” or “worthless things.” What other “gods” can we be tempted to worship? How can we keep our worship reserved exclusively for God?

4. Reread verse 8. This verse tells us to enter God’s presence to *give* rather than to *get*. What are we to give to the Lord in worship?
5. The Hebrew word for worship literally means “to prostrate oneself.” What does this mean? How do we bow down to God in worship?
6. How does worship keep us rejoicing in the fact that Jesus rules and reigns over history? How does worship keep us from becoming anxious and distressed over the current condition of the world?

Taking it Home:

1. What new song are you singing to God today?