

PSALMS

Joy To The World Psalm 98:1-9

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"In 1719, Isaac Watts published 'The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament'."

- Graham Beynon

"Watts writes hymns which give the clear and dramatic portrayal of Christian truth in terms we can understand, and then leads us on to express how we feel about that truth."

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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.

- a. All are exhorted to sing a song to the Lord that rejoices in a _____ way in the wonderful things God has done with His holy might.
- b. Joyful _____, accompanied with instruments, is especially called for in light of the glorious salvation the Lord has accomplished for sinners.
 - 1) To the _____ first
 - 2) Then to the _____ of the world

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.

- a. The Lord has made His righteous _____ and ways known in all the world.
- b. All _____ itself is exhorted to rejoice in their Creator and the full salvation He will accomplish.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found.

"These are certainly _____ specimens of what Christ and His grace can do when He shall begin to revive His own work and to spread His kingdom through the earth; and if He begins in America, I adore His good pleasure and rejoice, but wait for the blessing in European countries."

- Isaac Watts in a letter to Jonathan Edwards

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love.

- a. All who _____ Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord prove the glories of the Lord's righteousness and the wonders of His love in their salvation.
- b. All who _____ Jesus Christ prove the glories of the Lord's righteousness when they come under His judgment.