

WORSHIP: OUR GREATEST COMMISSION (Psalm 96)

I. WORSHIPING THE LORD THROUGH SINGING & WITNESSING (96:1-6)

A. Worshiping the Lord through Our Singing (vv. 1-2a)

1. The *object* of our worship is _____. (Ex. 20:1-3; Deut. 6:4; Luke 4:8)

2. The *activity* of our worship involves _____. (Eph. 5:18-21; Col. 3:16)

- *What does it mean to sing a “new song”?* (Lam. 3:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17)

B. Worshiping the Lord through Our Witnessing (vv. 2b-3)

1. The *activity* of our worship also involves _____ the good news of _____.
(Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-47; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 10:31; 15:3-4)

- *Who are the only ones who can do this acceptably?* (Rom. 8:8; Col. 1:20-21)

2. Our worship should also involve _____ God’s _____ to the world.

- *What is God’s glory?*
- *How were God’s glory & wonders displayed by Jesus Christ?* (John 1:14; 2:11; 11:4; 12:16, 23)
- *How can we declare God’s glory & wonders?* (1 Cor. 1:17-31; 2 Cor. 4:4-6; Gal. 6:14; 1 Tim. 1:11)
- *How should all this affect worship in our local church?*

C. Reasons to Worship the Lord (vv. 4-6)

1. The Lord is worthy of our worship because He is _____ and beyond comparison with other so-called _____. (Ps. 97:7; 1 Cor. 8:4-6)

2. The Lord is worthy of our worship because He alone is _____ and _____, and He possesses strength and beauty. (Ps. 113:4-6)

- *What is the chief purpose for our existence? (Rev. 4:11; 5:13)*

II. WORSHIPING THE LORD THROUGH GIVING & WAITING (96:7-13)

A. Worshiping the Lord by Giving Him Glory (vv. 7-9)

1. Since God possesses _____ glory, we can only _____ it to Him or _____ His glorious character back to Him. (John 15:8; 1 Cor. 6:18-20; 2 Cor. 4:15)

2. Offerings that involve _____ ascribe worth to God. (2 Sam. 24:24; Lk. 21:1-4; Rom. 12:1)

3. Worshiping a holy God requires _____ on the part of those who worship Him. (Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2; Ps. 24:3-4; Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 12:28; 1 John 1:3-9)

B. Worshiping the Lord by Waiting Joyfully for His Coming (vv. 10-13)

1. Our worship should also involve our _____ to God's _____ over the world and His _____. (Acts 10:36, 42; 16:31; 17:30-31; 24:24-25)

2. The promise of the Lord's future _____ should cause us to _____ now as we look forward to _____ when all creation will rejoice. (Isa. 55:12-13; Matt. 19:28; Rom. 8:18-25; 11:15; Rev. 19:11-16)