

WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016-2017
THEME: CREATION AND SALVATION
UNIT TWO – ALL CREATION PRAISES GOD

“A TRUE VIEW OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP UNTO GOD”



Sunday School Lesson No. VI – January 8, 2017
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Lesson Text:	Psalm 67 and Psalm 96
Motto Text:	Psalm 67:3, “Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.” Psalm 96:1-2, “O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.”
Required Reading:	Psalm 67 and Psalm 96
Reliable Resources:	The John Phillips Commentary Series; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; The Treasury of David by C. H. Spurgeon; Standard Lesson Commentary; Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible by Dr. David Jeremiah; Precepts for Living (UMI); Word Search 10 Electronic Library

LESSON INTRODUCTION

As we examine this week’s lesson, I want to focus on two Psalms, 67 and 96. They focus on Praise and Worship! During the winter quarter, we are endeavoring to examine the wisdom of these Psalms as they relate to the praise and worship of our God! Note that both of these Psalms tend to point toward the Millennial Kingdom of our Lord Jesus! We normally pray for this glorious day in our Model Prayer: “...*Thy Kingdom come*...” But those of us who are believers in Christ and have known the joy of the New Birth can identify with these words of the Psalmist in our everyday life, because it should be Christ sitting on the throne of our lives. Quoting Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator, page 75, “The Holy Spirit, who inspired the whole Bible, knew how much we need to be reminded of who God is, what He has done, and what He promises to do. It is the knowledge of these things—and the constant reminders of them in our songs and worship and meditation—that equips us to live joyfully and triumphantly in this often-cruel world and to declare to that world the wonders and glory of our great God and King.”

Well, with limited time to work with, I’ll approach this week’s lesson by trying to answer two questions as they relate to “**A True View of Praise and Worship Unto God.**” They are (1) Why? and (2) How? A True View of Praise and Worship is to our God!

First let us define Praise and Worship.

Praise: To recognize and declare adoration.

Worship: To bow down and show obeisance: a movement of the body that expresses deep respect. (As it relates to God we should praise Him for what He’s done and worship Him for who He is!) Let us examine the lesson, “**A True View of Praise and Worship unto God!**”

Anticipated Power Points:

- **Why Praise and Worship? Psalm 67**
- **How to Praise and Worship. Psalm 96**

LESSON OUTLINE

I. Why Praise and Worship? Psalm 67

A. Because of His merciful kindness. vss. 1-2

1. He has smiled on us and looked upon us with favor, both Israel of old and the believer today.

2. His undeserved kindness has been poured out upon our heads. Like Jabez, He has extended our coasts. I Chronicles 4:10, “...*thou would bless me indeed and enlarge my coast.*”
3. Such blessings should encourage us to testify of His salvation (saving health) to all people (Israel of old and the church today). Note Psalm 117:1-2, the middle chapter of the Bible, “*O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.*”

B. Because of His enduring integrity. vss. 3-4

1. The future of the world is not in jeopardy. Let all the people give praise for God’s integrity!
2. Potentates rise and fall but God judges in righteousness.

C. Because of His benevolent provision. vss. 5-7

1. He is worthy of thanks that must be proclaimed or spoken out because of His full redemption. He said in Genesis, “*Let there be...*” and the response of nature was, “*and there was...*”
2. Israel understood that their hope was in Him.
3. We should know that all our help comes from the Lord. “*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.*” Colossians 1:16

II. How to Praise and Worship. Psalm 96

A. Praise Him with a new song. vss. 1-2

1. A song of celebration – Let all the redeemed sing unto the Lord! Redeemed nations will no longer sing the blues but will sing a new song of His deliverance in God’s Kingdom.
2. A song of declaration – The song of God’s great Kingdom on earth.

B. Praise Him with inspiring instruction. vs. 3

Tell of His glory in all His realm. Psalm 145:3, “*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.*”

C. Praise Him with reverence for His renown. vss. 4-6

David uttered words of this Psalm in I Chronicles 16 at the return of the Ark of the Covenant. He wanted all the world, Jewish and non-Jewish, to reverence the Lord, for His greatness is renown! In the coming kingdom age, all will come to praise the Lord over all other gods!

D. Worship Him with sacrificial substance. vss. 7-8

The psalmist now focuses on worship! That is, to bow down and render sacrifice for who the Lord is! “Give” is the key word in worship; not receive, but give! Our modern day “worship services” center on getting our needs met, yet the worshipper of old realized that the focus of worship is on the One to be worshipped! Adoration, Glory, Majesty: all expressions of heartfelt appreciation and honor totally due unto the One worshipped. In this case, it is our blessed Lord. Give! Give! Give! What are you giving unto the Lord? In His kingdom, all focus is on Him in praise and worship. Bring voluntary offerings from the heart freely.

E. Worship Him with fear and trembling. (To “fear” or “tremble” means to shake or twist and turn with holy anxiety.) vss. 9-10

1. Beauty, majesty and excellency. This should encourage us to employ our best in praise toward Him.
2. Holiness. His apartness or consecratedness. (His presence is untouchable.)

CLOSING

“**A True View of Praise and Worship Unto God**” is illustrated in all creation. **Note Psalm 96:11-13.** All creation rejoices because He is coming again! Heaven rejoices (v. 11)! The earth rejoices (v. 11)! The sea rejoices (v. 11)! The fields rejoice (v. 12)! The animals rejoice (v. 12)! The trees rejoice (v. 12)! (Read Romans 8:19-22)

I’m rejoicing and I pray that you are rejoicing because The Lord Cometh (v. 13)! Praise God for “**A True View of Praise and Worship of Our God!**”

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