

Enchanted Forest of Psalms

June 22, 2025

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| <u>1</u> | Tree Planted by a Stream | George Pine's Deep Roots |
| <u>119</u> | God's Holy Word, Law, Wisdom | General Sherman Sequoia |
| <u>19</u> | Heavens Declare God's Glory | Huge Oak of David |
| <u>96</u> | Sing a New Song, Let Heavens Rejoice | |

Red Maple's Profuse Beauty

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| <u>132</u> | Lord, Remember David | Liberty Trees of Early U.S. |
| <u>110</u> | Sit at My Right Hand, Enemies a Footstool | Hanging Trees of Old West |
| <u>18</u> | Lord Is My Rock, His Way Perfect | Mighty Elms – Keel of Ship |
| <u>105</u> | Give Praise, Remember Wonders | Douglas Fir for Homes |
| <u>38</u> | Lord, Do Not Rebuke, Arrows Pierced Me | Poisonous Driftwood |
| <u>32</u> | My Hiding Place | Nobel Pine, 126 Species |
| <u>23</u> | Lord is My Shepherd | Nightingale of Psalm |
| <u>139</u> | Thou Has Seen | |
| <u>5</u> | Hear My Cry, | |
| <u>42</u> | Deep Calls to | |

Psalm 96:1

SING to the Lord a new song
SING to the Lord, ALL the EARTH

I SING because
I'm happy

MUSIC – one of God's **GREATEST** gifts to humanity

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**Red Maple
so very elegant**

Whenever you GO in the **Enchanted Forest**
Whenever you visit the **Enchanted Forest**
Aaahhh ... your visit is not complete until
Until you have joined in SONG with **Psalm 96**



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Acer Rubrum – Red Maple – IF *Forests SING*
Red Maples would be the choirs

Red Maples – most widespread deciduous
trees of eastern/central North America
U.S. Forest Service - MOST ABUNDANT
native tree in eastern North America

Red Maple
Psalm 96 begins
w “**SING**”

Most ABUNDANT?
from O.T. thru N.T.
no “worship”
without **SONG**



Psalm 96

Sing God's Glory

**1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, ALL the earth.**

2-3 Sing to the LORD ... Declare His glory....

Charles Spurgeon in a sermon on these verses:

**All ye, who love the Lord, give vent to
your heart's emotion by holy song....**

**What a noble instrument the human voice is! What a compass it has!
Its low, soft whispers, how they can hold us spellbound....**

**I ... [am] compelled to admit that ALL the instruments that were
ever devised by men, however sweetly attuned,
are harsh & grating compared with the
unparalleled sweetness of the human voice.**



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I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free

Psalm 96

1-3 Sing God's Glory

4-6 Sing God's Majesty

7-9 Sing God's Worth

10-11 Sing God's Righteous Judgment – Part 1

12-13 Sing God's Righteous Judgment – Part 2

Hebrew experts see FIVE Six-line stanzas

You may SEE these as “orders” or “requests” or “pleas”

Yet a higher way is to SEE these as an “overflow” or
or a post-victory “*Celebration*” of “*GRATITUDE*”

LESS ordered force & **MORE** a *release* of **ADORATION**

LESS from Duty & **MORE** from the *HEART*

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SING – what does that *mean*?

Next to SIGHT is SOUND – great gift of LIFE

Language rises to the HIGHEST in SONG

There is NOW & shall be SINGING in Heaven

Some of our *greatest* moments are **SUNG**

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Psalm 96 begins
w “**SING**”



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SING – what does that *mean*?

I worship your Holy Name
SING like never before



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SING – what does that *mean*?

Of the 14x this **exact** Hebrew word is used
13x it's same as 96:1 – **SING to the Lord**
1x in Ps 137:3, Babylonians order the exiles
order their heartbroken **captives** to **SING**

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Psalm 96 begins
w **"SING"**



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I've Been Singing 'Bout
my Lord for so many years
I've Sung when I've been happy
I've Sung when I've had tears



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SING – what does that *mean*?

14x exact Hebrew word is among 87x in O.T.

87x are in 34 variations: *singers, will sing*

SING – what does that *mean*?

“SING” – English from 12th century from German

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Psalm 96 begins
w **“SING”**



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I've even had Folks ask me
If It's All Been Just A Show
But the Reason That I'm **SINGING**
Oh, I Want the **WORLD** to Know



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SING – make melody in any language

From our YOUTH we have **SONG** in heart

- ✓ **Imbedded** in our spiritual DNA
- ✓ **Ingrained** under the skin of our SOUL
- ✓ **Implanted** within our inner SPIRIT

WHEN tied to a **crisis**—woven into our very **personhood**

- ✓ Surgically matrixed into the fiber of our psyche
- ✓ Psychologically mated to our Spirit & Soul **FOREVER**

Red Maple
Psalm 96 begins
w “**SING**”



Psalm 96 *LINKED* to the ARK of Covenant

1 Chronicles 13, after great victories, King David rents a U-Haul

1 Chron 13:7-8 ⁷ They moved the ARK of God from Abinadab's house on a new cart, with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it.

⁸ David and all the Israelites were celebrating with

ALL THEIR MIGHT before God



with songs and with harps, lyres, timbrels, cymbals, trumpets. **Whole**

Uzzah reached to steady the ARK – God killed Uzzah!

BAND

1 Chron 14, David sends to King of Tyre for supplies to build palace in Jerusalem, David takes more wives and defeats Philistines

1 Chron 15, King David pitches a tent for ARK in Jerusalem ... elaborate plans to BRING the ARK into Jerusalem

King David assembled vs 3 “**all of Israel in Jerusalem**”

King David asks Levites to appoint **MUSICIANS**

Psalm 96 LINKED to Ark of Covenant

1 Chron 15:29,
as ARK was entering Jerusalem
[David's wife] Michal daughter of Saul
watched from a window....

saw King David dancing ...

she despised him in her heart.

Despite the fact that she had her reasons,

David Dances ...

David has made elaborate, detailed,
scrupulous preparations for His

PARADE



Psalm 96 *LINKED* to the Ark of Covenant

1 Chron 16 ARK is placed in tent with Burnt & Peace Offerings

Detailed list of musical instruments to be played

1 Chron 16:5-6 “lyres & harps, Asaph ... on cymbals,
Benaiah & Jahaziel ... blow the trumpets



regularly before the ark of the covenant of God.”

1 Chron 16:7 “That day David first appointed Asaph and associates
to give praise to the LORD in *THIS MANNER*:

1 Chron 16:8-36 – which is a Psalm itself ... and our POINT

1 Chronicles 16:23-33 is almost word-for-word **Psalm 96**

Moreover, Psalms 96-98 are also considered Messianic

that is, points to Israel’s God as MORE than just for Israel

that is, link Isaiah 40-66 to Psalm 96 in pointing to Christ

Psalm 96

Sing God's Glory

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, ALL the earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, praise His name;
proclaim His salvation day after day.
- 3 Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous deeds among ALL peoples.

Spurgeon said of these fine verses:

Have you never seen the [dry] brooks... of the summer?

You wonder whether there is any streamlet there at all.

go ... among the rounded stones ... scarcely find a trace of water.

How different after the snows have melted,

or the mists upon the mountain brows have turned to showers!

then, then ...



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Spurgeon said of these fine verses:

T H E N the water comes rushing down like a mighty torrent....

There is a religion a ... miserable, ordinary Christianity which is
not worth the name it bears....

The cross reveals the hearts of men ... their true character.

Till the cross ... Joseph of Arimathaea was scarcely known....

**But when the cross was lifted up,
Joseph went *BOLDLY* in for the body of Christ**



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I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free



Psalm 96



Sing God's Glory

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, **ALL** the earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, praise His name;
proclaim His salvation day after day.
- 3 Declare His **GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS**,
His marvelous deeds among **ALL PEOPLES**.

Spurgeon said of Psalm 96, in all caps, that:

It is a grand MISSIONARY HYMN

Psalm 96

Charles Spurgeon said Psalm 96

... a grand MISSIONARY HYMN....

God always had designs of LOVE
for all the FAMILIES of men....

We do NOT wonder that the large-hearted David
rejoiced and danced before the ARK,
while he saw in vision all the earth
turning from idols to the

**one living &
true God**



Psalm 96

Sing God's Majesty

**4 For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above ALL gods.**

Psalm 95:3 similar, "Great God above ALL gods"

Spurgeon links Psalm 95 to Psalm 96

**5 For ALL the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.**

**6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in His sanctuary.**

**As Spurgeon opined: NO corner of the world is to be discordant,
no race of heathen to be dumb....**

**As the sun shines on all lands, so are all lands
to delight in the light of the Sun of Righteousness.**

***E Pluribus Unum*, out of many ONE song shall come forth.**



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I SING because there is an Empty Grave
I SING because there is the Power to Save
I SING because *His Grace* is Real to Me



Psalm 96 – **Sing God's Worth**

- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, ALL you FAMILIES of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. KJV "*KINDREDS*"
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering and come into His courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the splendor/beauty of His holiness;
tremble before him, ALL the earth.



Spurgeon quotes Congregational Pastor Edward Payson (1783–1827):

During every day & every hour ... debt has been increasing;
for every day & every hour ALL men OUGHT to have given unto
Jehovah the GLORY WHICH IS DUE TO HIS NAME.

But NO MAN has ever done this *FULLY*....

difference between the tribute which men *OUGHT* to have paid ...
and that which they *ACTUALLY* have paid....

How vast, then, how incalculable is that DEBT!

Psalm 96 – **Sing God's Worth**

7 Ascribe to the LORD, ALL you FAMILIES of nations, KJV "*KINDREDS*"
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering and come into His courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the **SPLENDOR/BEAUTY** of His holiness;
tremble before him, **ALL** the earth.

Spurgeon said: **This is the only BEAUTY which he cares for ...
is one for which no other can compensate.**

**Beauty of architecture & apparel he does not regard;
moral & spiritual beauty is that in which His soul delighteth.**

Worship must not be rendered to God in a slovenly....

***Purity* is the white linen of the Lord's choristers,
Righteousness is the comely garment of his priests,
Holiness is the royal apparel of his servants.**



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I sing because I'm free

Psalm 96

Sing God's Righteous Judgment – part 1

10 Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns.”

The WORLD is firmly established,

it cannot be moved;

HE WILL JUDGE the peoples fairly / righteously.

11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the EARTH be glad;
let the SEA resound, and ALL that is in it.

ALL of the EARTH ... do NOT miss “THE WORLD” that

HE WILL JUDGE the WORLD

Here – a Messianic PROMISE ... from the O.T. thru the N.T.

MOST of ALL – another reason to SING – PRAISE – WORSHIP

God *DOES* have the *WHOLE* WORLD in His HAND



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- ✓ Closest star to our Sun is Proxima Centauri,
4.2 Light-Years away
- ✓ Launched 48 years ago, by June 2025, Voyager 1
at **38,000 mph** has travelled 15.5 billion miles
- ✓ **1.3B miles SHORT** of a Light-Day @ **16.2B miles**
- ✓ At 4.2 LYs, Voyager has **OVER 1,533 Light-Days**
to go to reach Proxima Centauri
- ✓ **1,533 Light-Days x 48 years = 73,584 YEARS to go**
before it reaches the **CLOSEST** star to us in
in our Milky Way

*World is firmly establish
it cannot be moved*

He will judge the peoples fairly / righteously."



The **closest star** to the Sun is
4.2 Light-Years away. Voyager
launched **48 years ago**, and
it hasn't even traveled
one light-day yet.

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Ohh, I Sing Because I Know I'm Not *ALONE*
I Sing Because Someday I'm Going *HOME*
Where I Shall Sing throughout *ETERNITY*



Psalm 96

12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let ALL the TREES OF THE FOREST SING for joy.

13 Let ALL creation rejoice before the LORD, for HE COMES,
He comes to JUDGE the earth.

He will JUDGE the world in righteousness
and the peoples in His faithfulness.

Spurgeon quoted François Vatable, aka “Vatablus” (–1547)
famous for teaching & bringing a Hebrew expertise to France

Vatablus remarks that “to judge” is the word used instead
of to reign ... because judges in the early days of the
Holy Land exercised the power both of kings & m

The Lord COMES to be to ALL nations a wiser judge
a greater champion than Samson,
a mightier deliverer than Gideon.



**HE
COMES**

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Psalm 96's *Fountains of Praise*

SING to the LORD ... **SING** to the LORD....

SING ... **PRAISE** ... **PROCLAIM**....

Declare ... **Ascribe** to the LORD

Ascribe to the LORD glory....

Ascribe to the LORD ... **Bring** an offering

Come into his courts.

Worship the LORD ...

Tremble before him....

Say ... "The LORD reigns"

Let the **HEAVENS** rejoice,

Let the **EARTH** be glad;

Let the **SEA** resound....

Let the **FIELDS** be jubilant ...

Let all the **TREES** of the **FOREST SING**....

Let ALL CREATION rejoice ... for He **COMES**,

He **COMES** to judge the **EARTH**.

He **will Judge** the **WORLD**



**Sing a New SONG,
Let Heavens Rejoice**



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A collage featuring a man in a suit singing, a forest with red trees, and Michelangelo's 'The Creation of Adam'.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free