

SERMON-BASED STUDY: ANCIENT FUTURE JOY

Psalm 98, ESV –

- ¹ *Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.*
- ² *The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*
- ³ *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*
- ⁴ *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*
- ⁵ *Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!*
- ⁶ *With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*
- ⁷ *Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!*
- ⁸ *Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together*
- ⁹ *before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.*

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week we were reminded that God has done, and will do, a great work through His Son, Jesus. Describe these two-great works. How are they connected with each other?
- 2 The Psalmist also declares what believers should do, in light of what God has done and will do. What are some of the activities he describes? How have you made time to do these things in your own life?
- 3 Why is it important to remember what God has done and will do in the future? How is this a source of joy?

DIGGING DEEPER

A *Isaiah 61:10, ESV – ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

2 Corinthians 5:17-19, ESV – ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

- 4 Looking at Isaiah 61:10, what does it mean to be “clothed with the garments of salvation”?

5 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 reminds us that God “was” reconciling the world to Himself. How does this past event impact us today?

6 How does God’s work in the past bring you joy? In what ways do you rejoice and give Him praise?

B **Philippians 1:6, ESV** – ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:3-9, ESV – ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

7 Looking at Philippians 1:6, what is meant by “the day of Jesus Christ”?

8 1 Peter 1:4-5 speaks of our “inheritance being kept in heaven” and our “salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time.” What does Peter mean by these statements?

9 How does the knowledge of the work that God is going to do in the future bring you joy in the present? How does this joy affect the way you live your life?

TAKING IT HOME

Not only has God worked in the past and will work in the future, He is at work now, in the present. How have you seen God at work in your life and the lives of others? Does it bring you joy? How do you rejoice individually and with others? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Rejoice together for what God has done and will do.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 13:5, 35:9, 51:12

Luke 1:47, 15:7

Romans 15:13

2 Corinthians 4:17-18