PSALMS 96-98

REVIEW…

- **Psalm 93 – The LORD is King**
  - The opening phrase – the LORD Reigns – literally means the [יְהוָה] is KING [מָלָךְ]
  - And He is SOVEREIGN over the whole world - because He created the whole world…
    - Giving us the confidence that no matter what – He is our HELP in times of trouble!
- **Psalm 94 – Vengeance of the LORD**
  - The Psalmist wanted to know why the LORD was not punishing the WICKED…
  - Men who BOAST in their evil – PERSECUTE believers – and assume God does not care…
  - But the one who made our eyes and ears – SEES and HEARS – and will one day JUDGE…
    - Therefore we are to WARN the WICKED about the VENGEANCE of God!
- **Psalm 95 – Rest of the LORD**
  - A Psalm that is attributed to King David in Hebrews 4…
  - We are commanded to SING to the LORD –

because that is why He created us…
- Do NOT be like the people of Israel – who TESTED the LORD in the wilderness…
- And because they would NOT believe His WORD – they could NOT enter His rest!

Psalm 96 – The LORD is coming

- **1st – The Good News… vs. 1-3**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - Although there is no author stated here in the introduction…
    - The content of Psalm 96 comes from a SONG written by King David …
    - The FULL song – double the length recorded here – can be found in – **I Chronicles 16:8-36**
    - The Psalm was written when David brought the ARK into the city of Jerusalem…
    - The presence of God – coming to dwell among His people…
    - It is the FIRST of THREE Psalms to focus on the coming of the LORD!
  - 2nd – New Song… vs. 1
    - Oh - sing to the LORD a new song!
    - SING [imperative] – we are commanded to WORSHIP the LORD [יְהוָה]
    - NEW song – this phrase is NOT found in – **I Chronicles 16**
    - Perhaps because this is NOT just a song for the ARK coming to Jerusalem…
    - NEW – form the verb [חָדַשׁ] – meaning to RENEW or REPAIR!
    - The LORD came down to dwell among men – Jesus became a man – **John 1:14**
    - To give us HOPE – because we were separated from God – destined for destruction…
    - Jesus came to dwell among us – to RENEW and REPAIR…
    - Which allows us to SING a NEW song – about how God SAVED us!
  - 3rd – Bless His name… vs. 1-2
    - Sing to the LORD all the earth. Sing to the LORD - bless His name!
    - SING [imperative] to the LORD [יְהוָה] – ALL [כָּל] of the earth…
    - SING [imperative] to the LORD [יְהוָה] – and BLESS [imperative] – KNEEL at His name…
    - The whole [כָּל] world must KNEEL [בָּרַךְ] at the name of the LORD!
    - We do NOT get to choose whether or not to WORSHIP God…
    - We only Get to choose WHEN – either now in salvation – or later in condemnation!
    - **Romans 14:11** – "Every knee shall bow to Me - and every tongue shall confess to God."

- 4th – Proclaim His name… vs. 2-3
  - Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
  - Declare His glory among the nations- His wonders among all peoples!
  - Because Jesus came to DWELL among us – came to DIE for our sins…
  - We MUST [imperative] preach [piel] - the GOOD news of Jesus [יְשׁוּעָה] - EVERY day…
  - WE MUST [imperative] tell [piel] everyone [nations] who does NOT yet believe [גּוֹיִם]
  - Tell them about the WONDERS [פֶּלֶא] of what God has done – so all can become His people [עַמִּים]!
  - When the ARK came into Jerusalem – David was so excited God had come to Jerusalem…
  - He DANCED before the Lord – to the embarrassment of his wife – **II Samuel 6:4-16**
  - But David did not CARE what people thought – he wanted EVERYONE to know the GOOD news!
  - **II Samuel 6:22** – "I will be even more undignified than this!"
  - It is NOT enough that we are SAVED – there are MANY who still do not KNOW Jesus…
  - There is a LOST world – destined for HELL – who needs to hear the GOOD news…
  - Too often we FEAR what people will think if we TELL them about Jesus…
  - Who CARES what they THINK or SAY – it is worth it to make sure people know Jesus!
  - **Romans 10:14 –** "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear [unless someone tells them] …"

- **2ND - WHY WE SING… VS. 4-6**
  - 1st – Great God… vs. 4-5
    - For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised. He is to be feared above all gods.
    - For all the gods of the peoples are idols - but the LORD made the heavens!
    - The LORD [יְהוָה] is the GREAT [גָּדוֹל] – therefore we should praise Him a LOT [מְאֹד]
    - Because He is NOT like other gods [אֱלֹהִים] – they are just idols [worthless]
    - Our God is the CREATOR – and therefore should be FEARED [niphal]!
    - We are careful what we let Hallel watch – try to avoid negative images…
    - But if Hallel saw something in a movie that made her afraid…
    - It is easy to comfort her and say it has no POWER – nothing to be afraid of!
    - That is NOT the case with the LORD – He has ALL the POWER…

- He is the creator of all HEAVEN and EARTH – the ONE true God…
- Therefore - we NEED to worship Him – because we IGNORE Him comes at a GREAT cost!

○ 2nd – His Presence… vs. 6

- Honor and majesty are before Him. Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary!
- He is CLOTHED in GLORY – POWER and GLORY fill the HOLY [קָדֹשׁ] place…
- When we come into the presence of God – worship will be our reaction…
- We will be so overwhelmed by who the LORD is – it will be impossible NOT to WORSHIP!
- When Jesus [the lamb] takes the SCROLL – **Revelation 5:8**
- At first ALL of heaven starts to worship – all the ANGELS and all the SAINTS…
- Then ALL the earth joins in– and then ALL creation breaks out into WORSHIP…
- Because the LORD – Jesus - is WORTHY of ALL our PRAISE!

● **3RD – WHAT WE BRING… VS. 7-9**

○ 1st – Our offering… vs. 7-8

- Give to the LORD - O families of the peoples. Give to the LORD glory and strength.
- Give to the LORD the glory due His name. Bring an offering - and come into His courts!
- When we come to the LORD [יְהוָה] - we must [imperative] GIVE [repeated 3x for emphasis]
- GLORY [כָּבוֹד] - because His name is the ONLY one that saves – **Acts 4:12**
- STRENGTH – because we should live our lives for the LORD – **Deuteronomy 6:5**
- OFFERING – as we COME [imperative] into His CHURCH [courts]
- Since Jesus is the ONLY way for us to get to HEAVEN – we should GIVE all we have to Him…
- NOT that the LORD [יְהוָה] need our MONEY – He does NOT need our STRENGTH…
- But we are told to STORE our TREASURES in heaven – **Luke 12:33**
- Because our HEART will follow our TREASURES – **Luke 12:34**

○ 2nd – Our Worship… vs. 9

- Oh - worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him - all the earth!
- We must [imperative] GIVE our WORSHIP – by BOWING [worship] in submission to Him…
- Because He is HOLY [קָדֹשׁ] – ALL [כָּל] the earth must [imperative] FEAR His FACE [before Him]
- FACE [פָּנִים] – is plural – because the world will tremble before a TRIUNE God!
- People tend to think they are GOOD – because they are BETTER than others…

- But the standard of being GOOD – is to be as HOLY as God – **Matthew 5:48**
- Therefore - in HUMILITY we bow down before Jesus – because He did what we could NOT…
- He made us HOLY through the work of the CROSS – **II Corinthians 5:21**
- And anyone who does not BOW – will end up TREMBLING before the FACE of a HOLY God!

- **4TH – OUR SONG… VS. 10-13**
  - 1st – Among the nations… vs. 10
    - Say among the nations - The LORD reigns. The world also is firmly established.
    - It shall not be moved. He shall judge the peoples righteously!
    - We must [imperative] SAY to unbelievers [גּוֹיִם]
    - FIRST - the LORD [יְהוָה] is KING [מָלָךְ] – He is the one in CHARGE…
    - SECOND – He is the creator – and nothing they say will CHANGE that…
    - THIRD - He will JUDGE everyone EVENLY [מֵישָׁר] – there are no EXCEPTIONS!
    - SAD – these are the VERY things the WORLD today tries to DENY…
    - They say the Bible – the LORD – has no AUTHORITY [no king] in our society…
    - They say we are an ACCIDENT [evolution] – there is NO creator…
    - They say they will not be judged for their choices – no right or wrong – **Judges 21:25**
    - Which is why we MUST go and tell them they are WRONG – tell them the TRUTH!
  - 2nd – All creation… vs. 11-12
    - Let the heavens rejoice - and let the earth be glad. Let the sea roar and all its fullness.
    - Let the field be joyful - and all that is in it. All the trees of the woods will rejoice before the LORD!
    - Men have a CHOICE – to REJOICE in the GOOD news – that Jesus came down to SAVE us…
    - But regardless of what CHOICE people make – ALL of creation rejoices before the LORD!
    - If we are willing to LISTEN – we can hear their TESTIMONY…
    - We are CREATED – God is the KING – and one day soon He will come to JUDGE!
    - **Psalm 19:2-4** – "Day after day they continue to speak… their message has gone throughout the earth - and their words to all the world."
  - 3rd – Jesus is coming… vs. 13
    - For He is coming - for He is coming to judge the earth.
    - He shall judge the world with righteousness - and the peoples with His truth!

- Jesus is COMING again [repeated 2x for emphasis] – coming to JUDGE the earth – **John 5:22**
- There are TWO ways Jesus will JUDGE when He returns [soon]
- Depending on what GROUP we belong to – the WORLD – or his PEOPLE…
- Defines whether we are EXCITED or TERRIFIED by His coming!
- FIRST - He will judge the WORLD according to RIGHTEOUSNESS [צַדִּיק]
- And SINCE there are NONE righteous – it will not end well for the world – **Romans 3:23**
- SECOND – He will judge His people [עַמִּים] according to TRUTH…
- And the TRUTH is that ALL of our SINS have been paid in full through the cross!

Psalm 97 – The LORD Reigns

- **1st – The coming King… vs. 1-6**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - As with the majority of the Psalms in book FOUR – there is no stated AUTHOR…
    - But Psalm 97 continues the theme of the coming of the LORD…
    - Where the previous Psalm was excited to tell everyone about His coming…
    - This Psalm focuses on warning the world about the consequences of His arrival!
  - 2nd – The Restoration… vs. 1
    - The LORD reigns!
      - Again we see the phrase – the LORD Reigns – the LORD [יְהוָה] is KING [מָלָךְ]
      - We might doubt that – looking at the state of the world around us…
      - Because this world was CURSED when Adam and Eve sinned – **Genesis 3:17**
      - But God did not abdicate His AUTHORITY – He is still SOVEREIGN – **Ephesians 1:11**
      - Jesus will return - and at His SECOND coming – He has the name!
      - **Revelation 19:16** – "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."
    - Let the earth rejoice. Let the multitude of isles be glad!
      - Therefore – the EARTH should rejoice [imperfect] knowing the KING is coming…
      - Because it means that what was LOST will be RESTORED!
      - When God created the world He gave the DEED of the earth to Adam - **Genesis 1:28-30**
      - But when Adam and Eve choose to SIN in the garden - **Genesis 3**
      - The DEED of the world was given to satan - **II Corinthians 4:4 - John 14:30**
      - But when Jesus comes – He will redeem the DEED that was lost…
      - He is the one who is WORTHY to open the DEED [scroll] - RECLAIM what had been LOST!
  - 3rd – The Judgement… vs. 2-3
    - Clouds and darkness surround Him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
    - A fire goes before Him - and burns up His enemies round about.

- CLOUDS and DARKNESS – surround the coming of the Lord…
- We do NOT know WHEN He will come – no man knows the DAY or HOUR – **Mark 13:32**
- But WHEN He comes – He will RULE [throne] – and JUDGE according to His RIGHTEOUSNESS…
- Everyone will stand before His FACE [פָּנִים] – and He will CONSUME His enemies in FIRE!
- **Luke 17:26 –** "As it was in the days of Noah - so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man."
- Men were eating - drinking – and getting married – right up to the day the flood came...
- Men were going on with their lives – assuming tomorrow would be like today…
- They were completely unprepared for the day when the judgement of God arrived!
- People tend to think TOMORROW is going to be the same as TODAY…
- They think they are going to LIVE forever – and NEVER have to face the JUDGMENT…
- But time in LIMITED - Jesus is coming soon - judgment is right around the corner!

- 4th – His presence… vs. 4-5
  - His lightnings light the world. The earth sees and trembles.
  - The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD.
  - At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth!
  - When the LIGHT of the LORD comes - falling like lightening – [no warning]
  - The whole EARTH will TREMBLE in fear [sequential]
  - Even the MIGHTY [mountains] will MELT in the presence [פָּנִים] of the LORD of all the EARTH!
  - There was one man who came to God – wearing the wrong clothes - **Matthew 22:11-14**
  - This man came in HIS clothes - HIS righteousness – HIS own good works…
  - When God questioned him about it - the man was speechless…
  - And the LORD had him cast into outer darkness – weeping and gnashing of teeth!
  - Everyone will one day stand before the Great white throne – **Revelation 20:11**
  - There are only TWO options as to what we can WEAR as we stand before a HOLY God…
  - We can stand in OUR clothes – OUR good deed – OUR righteousness…
  - And we will be judged by OUR works – speechless – as we are cast into HELL…
  - OR we can be clothed in the WHITE robes of the righteousness of Jesus - **Revelation 3:5**

- 5th – His Glory… vs. 6

- The heavens declare His righteousness - and all the peoples see His glory.
- The WORLD will be in TERROR – because of their JUDGMENT at the coming of the KING…
- But those in HEAVEN – will proclaim [hiphil] the LORD is RIGHT [צַדִּיק] to JUDGE…
- As all of His PEOPLE [עַמִּים] – get to see the GLORY [כָּבוֹד] of the LORD!
- The day Jesus comes – it will either be the BEST day – or WORST day ever…
- For those who are FORGIVEN – it is the BEST day – as we finally get to SEE the GLORY of God…
- For those who are HARD – it is the WORST day – the last thing they will ever SEE is Jesus…
- They are then cast into OUTER darkness – separated from God forever…
- Is it no wonder we are told TODAY is the day to obey the Gospel – **II Corinthians 6:2**

- **2ND – THE ONLY GOD… VS. 7-9**
  - 1st – Shame of idols… vs. 7
    - Let all be put to shame who serve carved images - who boast of idols. Worship Him all you gods!
    - On that DAY – all who SERVE idols – all who boast in their idols – will be put to SHAME…
    - Because ALL their gods [אֱלֹהִים] – will have [Hishtaphel] to bow down and WORSHIP the LORD…
    - The VERY thing they are putting their TRUST in – will have to SUBMIT to the one they REJECT!
    - We might think we do NOT have idols anymore – but people do NOT change – just NAMES…
    - People still put their FAITH in things they have MADE – and BOAST about them…
    - They put their TRUST in CARS [Toyota] – HOUSES [Ayala] – and MONEY [Pesos]
    - But even of these things – will join in the WORSHIP of the LORD – when Jesus comes!
  - 2nd – Above all gods… vs. 8-9
    - Zion hears and is glad - and the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments - O LORD!
      - Most of Israel is NOT looking for the coming of the MESSIAH today…
      - They are caught up in this WORLD – trusting in OTHER gods…
      - But when Jesus RETURNS – when the KING comes – they will have a CHANGE of heart!
      - **Zechariah 12:10** – "[The LORD] will pour on the house of David [Israel] and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of GRACE… then they will look on Me whom they pierced."
      - The Jews will SEE the LORD [יְהוָה] – whom they crucified [pierced]
      - And realize the LORD is Jesus - their Messiah – and receive His GRACE!
      - **Romans 11:26** – "And so all Israel [who survive the Tribulation] will be saved."
    - For You LORD - are most high above all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods!
      - When Jerusalem [Zion] – the daughters of Judah [Jews] - hear the LORD has COME…
      - They will REJOICE – because the LORD will finally JUDGE the world…
      - Then all we KNOW – the LORD [יְהוָה] is better [high] than anything [כָּל] on this earth…
      - The LORD is far better [exalted] than all [כָּל] other gods [אֱלֹהִים]!

- The only reason people put their trust in THINGS - is they have NOT yet seen the LORD…
- But the moment we SEE Him – we will REJOICE in Him…
- Knowing there is nothing on EARTH – or in HEAVEN – greater than our God!

- **3rd – Our Response… vs. 10-12**
  - 1st – Hate Evil… vs. 10
    - You who love the LORD - hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints.
    - He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked!
    - KNOWING that that Jesus – JUDGMENT is coming – how should we LIVE our lives…
    - If we LOVE the LORD – we must [imperative] HATE evil…
    - Because the LORD will keep the SOULS of the SAINTS [those] who LOVE [root חָסַד] Him…
    - He will cause [hiphil] them to be delivered from fate [hand] of the WICKED!
    - **Luke 17:32** – "Remember Lots wife."
    - Lots wife looked BACK - and she became a pillar of salt – **Genesis 19:26**
    - Looked BACK – means she hesitated to leave – or even went back to the city…
    - Because she was unwilling to HATE evil – it cost her life!
    - I doubt any of us woke up this morning thinking Jesus will come back today...
    - But we are living in the last DAYS – Jesus could come right at ANY time…
    - Are we READY – if the RAPTURE happened – what would Jesus find in us doing...
    - We might think – PLEASE come back NOW – I am in CHURCH…
    - But what if He came this AFTERNOON – or TOMORROW morning…
    - Knowing Jesus could at any moment – we NEED to be READY…
    - We must CHOSE to live our LIVES – LOVING God and HATING evil!
    - **Luke 17:33 –** "Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it - whoever loses his life will preserve it."
  - 2nd – Rejoice in the LORD… vs. 11-12
    - Light is sown for the righteous - and gladness for the upright in heart.
    - Rejoice in the LORD you righteous - and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name!
    - When we do what is RIGHT [צַדִּיק] – we spread the LIGHT [Gospel]
    - A message that makes those with a RIGHT heart – HAPPY…
    - As we REMEMBER - Jesus died to SAVE us – and He is coming back to bring us HOME…
    - REJOICE [imperative] – and give THANKS [imperative] – because He is HOLY [קָדֹשׁ]!

- This is our opportunity in a DARK world…
- We get to go and be a LIGHT – tell people – warn them – Jesus is coming soon…
- Encourage them to come to the LIGHT – so they can REJOICE along with us when He comes!

Psalm 98 – Salvation of the LORD

- **1st – New song… vs. 1-3**
  - 1st – Introduction… vs. 1
    - A Psalm!
    - As with the majority of the Psalms in book FOUR – there is no stated AUTHOR…
    - But we are given a VERY brief introduction – simply a PSALM [מִזְמוֹר]
    - This is the ONLY Psalm in with this brief of an introduction…
    - It looks forward to the SALVATION of Jesus – at His SECOND coming!
  - 2nd – New Covenant… vs. 1
    - Oh - sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things.
    - His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory!
    - We MUST [imperative] sing a NEW song to the LORD [יְהוָה]
    - NOTE - we have here again the reference to a NEW song [6x in Psalms]
    - NEW – because of a NEW covenant that God has given to ALL men – **Jeremiah 31:31**
    - The MARVELOUS [פָּלָא] work that God did on the CROSS of Cavalry…
    - When the RIGHT hand of God – His HOLY [קֹדֶשׁ] one Jesus - SAVED [יָשַׁע] us!
    - I had a conversation the other day – I was asked why did God give the TEN commandments…
    - The assumption was they are there to tell us HOW to live our lives – make us GOOD…
    - But no RULES can every make us GOOD – they just show us we are BAD…
    - Like looking in a MIRROR – it can tell me I am ugly – but CANNOT make me handsome!
    - **Romans 7:7** – "I would not have known sin except through the law."
    - The REASON why there is a NEW song – is because the OLD one did not SAVE us…
    - The ONLY hope we have of being GOOD – is through the CROSS of Christ!
  - 3rd – The Standard… vs. 2
    - The LORD has made known His salvation.
    - His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations!

- The LORD [יְהוָה] made [hiphil] the whole world SEE [יָדַע] – Jesus [יְשׁוּעָה]
- Because in Jesus – the STANDARD of being RIGHT [צַדִּיק] is revealed to unbelievers [גּוֹיִם]!
- When a man came to Jesus and asked what GOOD thing he had to do to be saved…
- Jesus said - NO ONE is GOOD - only God – **Mark 10:18**
- If we were to ask a random person on the street – are you a GOOD person…
- It is almost a guarantee they would say – YES – but they would be WRONG!
- We all think we are GOOD – the question is WHAT is our definition of GOOD…
- If the definition of GOOD was being better than a murderer – I might be GOOD…
- If the definition of GOOD was being better than my neighbor – maybe I am GOOD
- But the definition of GOOD is God – that means I am NOT good - **Matthew 5:48**
- Yet SEEING [יָדַע] that we are NOT good – is the KEY to understanding our need for Jesus…
- If we do NOT understand the problem – we are SINNERS – we will NOT understand the solution!

  - 4th – Old idea… vs. 3
    - He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel.
    - All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!
    - This NEW song – is NOT a NEW idea…
    - It comes from the MERCY [חֶסֶד] and TRUTH [אֱמוּנָה] God gave to Israel in His WORD [OT]
    - Beginning with Abraham – through to the Prophets…
    - God told Israel - from them would come the MESSIAH – the CHRIST – **Genesis 22:18**
    - And the WHOLE [ends] earth SEES [perfect] that salvation come from Jesus [יְשׁוּעָה]!
    - **Luke 22:44** – "All things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."
    - There was NEVER any other plan for SALVATION…
    - There was NEVER any other way to get to heaven – **John 14:6**
    - God knew that creating MEN – meant He would have to DIE – **Revelation 13:8**
    - And He desires ALL men to be saved – He wants EVERYONE to SEE Jesus – **II Peter 3:9**

- **2nd – Our Response… vs. 4-9**
  - 1st – His people worship… vs. 4-6
    - Shout joyfully to the LORD all the earth. Break forth in song – rejoice - and sing praises.

- Sing to the LORD with the harp with the harp and the sound of a psalm.
- With trumpets and the sound of a horn. Shout joyfully before the LORD - the King!
- Looking at the NEW song – what Jesus did to SAVE us...
- It should cause [hiphil] the whole [כָּל] earth to SHOUT [imperative] to the LORD [יְהוָה]
- BREAK out [imperative] into a song of JOY and PRAISE…
- SINGING [piel] to the LORD with instruments [harp] and a MELODY…
- With TRUMPETS [שׁוֹפָר] making a LOUD noise [imperative] to the LORD [יְהוָה] the KING [הַמֶּלֶךְ]!
- The NBA playoffs are going on right now – LOTS of people are watching…
- If you are a DENVER fan – it is looking really GOOD [series is up three to one]
- If DENVER wins – do you think their fans are just going to quietly celebrate…
- NO – they are going to rush into the streets and shout out – blow car horns - in VICTORY!
- If we really understand the PENALTY for SIN – eternal death – **Romans 6:23**
- And we understand the GIFT that God has given to us in Christ – heaven…
- To the point we will be allowed to sit on the THRONE with Jesus - **Revelation 3:21**
- Then our RESPONSE is going to be we CELEBRATE our VICTORY over sin – really LOUDLY!

o 2nd – Creation worships… vs. 7-8

- Let the sea roar and all its fullness. the world and those who dwell in it.
- Let the rivers clap their hands. Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD!
- We are NOT alone in our WORSHIP – all of creation joins in…
- The SEAS roar for the LORD – and all of the animals who are in them…
- The RIVERS clap – and the MOUNTAINS are filled with JOY…
- Because when Jesus does not just SAVE men – the whole earth is REDEEMED!
- When Adam sinned – ALL of creation was CURSED…
- And ALL of creation – looks forward to the day when the CURSE will be removed!
- **Romans 8:21** – "The creation looks forward to the day when it will join Gods children in glorious freedom."

o 3rd – God Judges… vs. 9

- For He is coming to judge the earth.
- With righteousness He shall judge the world and the peoples with equity!

- The conclusion to **Psalm 98** – is nearly identical to **Psalm 96**
- Jesus is COMING again [repeated 2x for emphasis] – coming to JUDGE the earth – **John 5:22**
- There are TWO ways Jesus will JUDGE when He returns [soon]
- He will JUDGE those who think they are GOOD – by His standard of RIGHTEOUSNESS…
- But for His PEOPLE [עַמִּים] - He will JUDGE with equity [מֵישָׁר]
- Not giving them what they DESERVE – instead giving them HEAVEN!
- I often get asked – if God is LOVE – then how can He send GOOD people to HELL…
- There are TWO problems with that question…
- FIRST – there are NO good people – we are all BAD and deserve to go to HELL…
- SECOND – Jesus died to save EVERYONE – **Romans 10:13**
- The only reason people go to HELL – is because they refuse to go to HEAVEN!