



Sermon Guide | 9/30/2023

The Weight of Glory

Join us tomorrow, **Sunday (10/1/2023) at 7 PM** on Zoom to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Please read 1 Chronicles 16:7-36 for a deeper understanding of today's message.

Text: Psalm 96:3 Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

The Ark of the Covenant

1. What would your reaction have been if you were in Jerusalem 3000 years ago?

Sing a New Song to the Lord

Reference verses: Psalm 96; 98; 144:9-10; 149; Isaiah 42:10-13; Revelation 14:1-5

2. Read the above texts. How does the idea of singing a new song to the Lord and a victory in a battle tie together?

The Weight of Glory and the Nothingness of Idols

Reference verses: Psalm 96:1-6

3. What does the Hebrew root word for "glory" reveal about God's presence?

4. How does the idea of the Lord's presence as a tangible experience reveal the foolishness of worshipping idols?



The Weight of Glory in Worship

Reference verses: Psalm 96:7-9

5. Why do many people fail to receive a blessing from their worship of the Lord?

“Tremble’ is the word in the original, and it expresses the profoundest awe, just as the word ‘worship’ does, which would be more accurately translated by ‘bow down.’ Even the bodily frame would be moved to trembling and prostration if men were thoroughly conscious of the power and glory of Jehovah. Men of the world ridiculed ‘the Quakers’ for trembling when under the power of the Holy Spirit; had they been able to discern the majesty of the Eternal they would have quaked also. There is a sacred trembling which is quite consistent with joy, the heart may even quiver with an awful excess of delight. The sight of the King in his beauty caused no alarm to John in Patmos, and yet it made him fall at his feet as dead. Oh, to behold him and worship him with prostrate awe and sacred fear!” – Charles Spurgeon, *The Treasury of David: Psalms 88-110*, vol. 4, 183.

6. How does Spurgeon’s thoughts enhance your ideas about what it means to give glory to the Lord?

The Weight of Glory in Judgment

Reference verses: Psalm 96:10-13; Matthew 27:45, 51; Revelation 6:15-17; 19:6-7

7. When the Lord judges the world, how will the wicked experience God’s glory? What about the righteous?

The Weight of Glory in Christ

8. How does the crucifixion of Christ, the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, and the ideas about the weight of God’s glory help you understand the realities of your salvation?
