

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.**
(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)*

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Sing To The Lord A New Song

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(6) And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; (7) and he said with a loud voice, “Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.” (Revelation 14:6-7 NASB)

After writing and posting issue #03-09132, June 16, 2009, *Eonian Good News*, I discovered that Psalm 96 is actually a companion not only to the above verses that speak of the eternal or eonian gospel that will be preached to those on the earth in the coming kingdom of Christ but also to the first six verses of Revelation 14 that pertain to the 144,000 conquerors.

As a reminder, Revelation 14:1-6 is about the 144,000 standing with the Lambkin on Mount Zion and having the name of the Lambkin and the name of His Father written on their foreheads, which signifies that they belong to and are set apart unto God and His Christ. John heard a voice from heaven like the sound of many waters, which indicates that the voices represent a large number of people. Many waters might indicate that the number 144,000 is not the exact number of people standing before the throne and that there could be many more included in this great company of conquerors.

The number 144,000 is the result of 12 times 12,000, and the number **12** signifies **the perfection of government** or **governmental perfection**. In this case, the number 12 is intensified 12,000 times. In other words, the number 144,000 signifies the full complement of those who will reign with Christ during the millennial kingdom. These are the ones from all the generations that are counted worthy to reign with Christ. They are the blessed and holy, for they will have a part in the first resurrection and will be priests of God and of Christ as they reign with Him upon the earth for 1,000 years (Revelation 5:10; 20:4-6). They are the ones purchased from among men as the first fruits to God and the Lambkin (1 Corinthians 15:23; Revelation 14:4).

And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. (Revelation 14:3 NASB)

This great throng of conquerors will be taught a new song that no one has ever sung before the throne. A new song is required because they are the first fruits of the new creation in Christ. They are the first ones to come into God's all in all new. They are New Jerusalem.

With this brief background, we can now turn to Psalm 96, which is one of eight psalms that speak of the coming kingdom of Christ (i.e., Psalm 93-100).

(1) Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. (2) Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. (3) Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. (4) For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. (5) For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. (6) Splendor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. (7) Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. (8) Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. (9) Worship the LORD

in holy attire; tremble before Him, all the earth. (10) Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns; indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity.” (11) Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all it contains; (12) let the field exult, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy (13) before the LORD, for He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness. (Psalm 96:1-13 NASB)

I believe that this psalm reveals the message of the 144,000, the eonian good news that will go forth to the nations through them. They will sing a new song to the Lord, and this song will not only rise up before the throne of God, but it will go forth throughout the earth. It will tell forth of the greatness of the Lord. His name will be a blessing to all. This new song will proclaim the salvation of the Lord from day to day. Every day of the 1,000-year reign of Christ in the next eon will be a proclamation of the salvation of the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world and who, one day, will totally abolish the last enemy, death. As they proclaim the good news of the glory of the Lord, the glory of the Lord will begin to literally fill the whole earth.

And they will sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. (Psalm 138:5 NASB)

They will see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. (Isaiah 35:2 NASB)

“Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Isaiah 40:5 NASB)

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.” (Isaiah 60:1 NASB)

Oh, these few examples from Scripture should fill our hearts with joy at the thought of what is coming to this earth. May we be counted worthy to be part of the great company of conquerors that sing of the glory and majesty of the Lord and lead the nations to fear God!

For great is the LORD 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.

These verses coincide with the eonian gospel that will be proclaimed by the angel flying in mid-heaven: **“Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”**

The nations have lost sight of their Creator, and they need to be told His name. He is Jesus, the Lord, the Son of God, the firstborn of all creation, for by Him all things were created (Colossians 1:15-16). Fear God, and give Him glory, for He created all things through His Son, the image of the invisible God.

As the world and its systems are shaken, people will wonder if the world, as they know it, will survive. The nations need to be reassured that the world will not be moved. Why? Because the Lord reigns and He is coming to judge the world! The world cannot be moved because the Lord cannot be moved. His kingdom is unshakable and without end.

For He is coming to judge the earth, and He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in His faithfulness and with equity! Today, the world has the wrong view of the Lord. They believe He is a harsh and unjust taskmaster; however, as the next eon unfolds, the inhabitants of the earth will begin to understand how great He is as they see and experience His righteous and equitable judgments and are taught righteousness. He is faithful, and He will judge the people in His faithfulness.

In that day, all creation will begin to rejoice. A new sound will fill the earth, the sound of rejoicing, gladness, and joy. The inhabitants of the earth will hear the trees and the sea sing for joy at the coming of the Lord as He reigns over the earth along with His conquerors. May your heart be encouraged that a new day is on the horizon. The earth is about to hear a new song.