

Sing to the Lord a New Song

“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. The Lord has made His salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations. He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to His people; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn –shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. He will guide the world in righteousness and the people with equity.” –Psalm 98

For sure you have seen or heard singers who composed and sang songs or chanted praises for the deed of famous people like the rulers, presidents, governors, kings or queens. Well, some of those rulers or leaders have really worked hard for their nations and they have served their people diligently. In some occasion we find people crowded in the street singing and praising the name of a person who had given them 10% increment of their monthly income. But many times we can describe people praising men who never fulfilled their promises. They might even be the source of hard time for the people. Yet, we find the people singing and praising them.

But the word of God tells us to praise and sing new songs not for men, but to the Lord: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;

1- *His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him:* Our God is different from men or other gods. Men have request their people to do such, or the people do to win their favor. Some may request money, gold, finery and other treasures before they give help, favor, freedom or salvation. But our God, He himself has worked salvation for Him. He came down from heaven and become a man, Jesus; the Lord came to save us. Jesus freed His people from the effect of sin. He himself paid the price of our sins and the price was His death. Jesus offered His life for us. He died on the cross instead of us so that by His death we gain eternal life. This is the grace of God. He gave us free salvation, without our effort or toil. *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8,9)*

2- *God has done marvelous things:* We sing to God not only because He has freed us. Not only because He has given us our daily needs. But, because He saves us from sin and death and we have eternal rest as we have believed in His name. Jesus said: *“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”* This is the true reason to rejoice; the real reason for our complete joy. Yes, we are happy for all that we have; for God’s love for us, His healing, His provisions, His guidance, His peace in our hearts, His

protection and security. But do we understand what the meaning is of – our names are written in heaven? It means that for sure we can live forever; for sure we can have a place in heaven to live with God forever as long as we are obedient to HIM. For this very reason we can shout for joy and sing a new song to the Lord.

3- *The Lord has made His Salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations:* The Lord is God of love; He loves all the people. *“He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends His rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.” (Matthew 5:45)* The Bible also says, *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)* God loves everyone so He sent His son to die once for all. Whoever believes in Him has eternal life, and there is no difference. *“For God does not show favoritism.” (Romans 2:11)* All the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. Therefore, “Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn-shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Yes, he is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He is marvelous, wonderful, councilor, mighty God and everlasting Father.

4- *He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to His people:* Our Lord God is at His Word; He keeps on His word until He fulfills it all; His promises are yes and Amen in Christ Jesus. He is the One who says: *“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine and I will be with you, for I am the Lord your God, who takes the hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you. I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Isaiah 43:1-2; 41:13, Joshua 1:5)*

5- *The Lord God will judge the world in righteousness and the people with equity:* Our God is God of justice. *“God will give to each person according to what he has done. To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor, and immortality, He will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.” (Romans 2:6-8)* Praise be to God; Jesus is coming soon to judge the world as He said: *“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.” (Revelation 22:12)* Let us rejoice for Jesus is coming soon to take us with Him in heaven. Let us sing a new song for the Lord our God, and let us sing a new song for our Saviour who calls us for eternal glory. Let us shout for joy and pray.

My prayer: “Praise be to God, our Father, and our Lord Jesus. I will praise You, O Lord my God. I will sing and make music for you marvelous deeds; for the salvation that You made with your right hand, and you revealed it to all the nations. Great is your love and your faithfulness. I will bless and magnify your name. I will worship and adore You. This is my prayer and song, in Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.”