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Title: Praise His Name

Text: Psalms 96

God's name as we have learned from God's word reveals a lot about His character. Our response to His name should be continual praise.

I. THE DUTY OF PRAISE.

The psalmist calls upon us to sing. It honors God not only that we should speak to others about Him, and preach to others His truth, but that we should sing His praise, finding thus expression for our joyous and loving thoughts of Him who is worthy to receive glory and honor for ever and ever.

II. WHERE SHOULD WE PRAISE?

(v.6). "In His sanctuary."

The place of worship, the consecrated place, rich with the associations of years of worship. Show how strongly urged is the duty of joining in public services; and how important the duty of forming, in this respect, good early habits.

Hebrews 10:25 - not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

III. WHAT SHOULD WE PRAISE?

We may praise God for what He has done; In creation, providence, and grace; what He has done directly for us. The psalmist rises to a nobler height, and sets us the example of praising God for what He is, for the greatness, and majesty, and strength, and honor that belong to Him.

IV. BEFORE WHOM SHOULD WE PRAISE?

Before those who do not know God, or who sadly neglect Him. Our praise is to be a witness to them; an example for them; and a persuasion of them. Our acts of worship and our godly habits are to say to them, "Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

V. WHO SHOULD JOIN US IN PRAISE?

Note the poetic sentiment of verses 11-13; all nature joins man in praise. But man should be the leader of the choir.