**Sermon Title: The Declaration of God Our Savior**

**Sermon Text: Psalm 96:1-13**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to declare the glory and glorious reign of God our Savior.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 5 aspects of this declaration by the covenant people.**

**Introduction:** Do you remember when the cosmonauts made that primitive little journey around the earth the first time? They came back with their thumbs under their suspenders bragging, “We have been in the air. We have been around the earth. And we did not see God!” The following Sunday W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, made a classic statement. He said, “Ah if those cosmonauts had stepped out of their spacesuit, they would have seen God!”

**I. The announcement of the glory of God our Savior. V.1-3**

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**I. The announcement of the glory of God our Savior. V.1-3**

A. The announcement through **singing**. V.1a

 Singing a new song suggests that new mercies had been received. This new song was intended for the future millennial rule.

 B. The announcement through **proclaiming**. V.1b

 The people are told to announce His salvation and all His deeds throughout the world day to day, which would proclaim His glory.

 C. The announcement through **declaring**. V.1c

 The Hebrew word means “to be heavy,” it lends itself to the idea that one possessing glory is laden with riches

 **Genesis 31:1** Now *Jacob* heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what was our father's he has acquired all this wealth."

 Power

 **Isaiah 8:7** Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up over them The waters of the River1, strong and mighty-- The king of Assyria and all his glory; He will go up over all his channels And go over all his banks.

 Position

 **Genesis 45:13** "So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here."

 **Isaiah 60:1-3** Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. **2** For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. **3** The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

**II. The awareness of the glory of God our Savior. V.4-6**

 **Psalm 145:3** Great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness *is* unsearchable.

 **Psalm 18:3** I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

 **Psalm 95:3** For the LORD *is* the great God, And the great King above all gods.

 **Jeremiah 10:11** Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens."

 The Lord is worthy of praise called for in verses 1-3 because He is greater than all gods.

 Those gods worshipped among the nations are only idols.

 He is the one who made everything and therefore is superior and reigns over everything. He is glorious and strong in the midst of His people.

**III. The ascribing of the glory of God our Savior. V.7-9**

 **Psalm 29:1-2** Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength. **2** Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

 The psalmist calls for families (lit. “tribes”) of the earth to ascribe . . . glory and strength to (**v.6**) God and worship Him.

 **Philippians 2:10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

**IV. The affirmation of the glory of God our Savior. V.10**

 People everywhere should affirm Him because He reigns.

 **Psalm 47:8** God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

 **Psalm 93:1** The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.

 **Psalm 97:1** The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; Let the multitude of isles be glad!

 **Psalm 146:10** The LORD shall reign forever-- Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

 When He returns to judge and reign on earth, He reign will at last be established with righteousness.

 **Psalm 92:1** *It is* good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**V. The anticipation of the glory of God our Savior. V.11-13**

 These personifications (of the heavens, the earth, the sea, the fields, the trees) may indicate that all of creation will anticipate how they will flourish when the righteousness of God reigns on the earth, when the curse of sin is replaced. Then the earth will no longer groan, evil will no longer run rampant, sickness and diseases will be done away, the rulership of sinful mankind will end, in the anticipated day of redemption.

 **Romans 8:20-22** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; **21** because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.