

Worthy of More

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All of creation orbits the great weight of our glorious God. This is, at least, the way the Bible speaks about Him. And Psalm 96:2-6 instructs us to “Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! 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 worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.”

“Sing hallelujah praise to the Lord / We give You glory yet still You are worthy of more ... Let every nation with heaven proclaim / All the glory, glory, glory is Yours ...”

We were created to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

The commands in Psalm 96 to “Sing to the Lord” and “Declare his glory among the nations” are commands to find our deepest desires for joy finally satisfied. They are commands to lay hold of unimaginable strength and beauty as we come into His presence and behold His splendor and majesty. They are commands to do precisely what we were created to do—glorify God, enjoy Him forever, and compel others to do the same.

“Lord I give You all of me / Take my life and have Your way / Let it glorify Your name”

We declare His glory among the nations, because He is worthy of all glory.

Almost every time the New Testament uses the words *preach* or *preacher*, the Greek word used in the original text is *kērussō* (κηρύσσω), which simply means “to herald.” In the age before telephones and the internet, a person who brought news to a town was called a herald. A king’s herald would enter the city’s gate and proclaim the decrees set forth from the king. The herald would not speak on his own behalf; he would speak the king’s words. He would unroll the scroll with the royal seal and declare all that was written. This is what the apostle Paul had in mind in Romans 15:20 when he said, “I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named ...”

The apostle Paul’s driving ambition was to herald the news that “For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved’” (Romans 10:13). And in saying this, he then revealed the logic of his ambition: “How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?” (Romans 10:14). Paul gave his life to the work of heralding the great name and glory of Christ Jesus among those who



had not heard. His ambition was rooted in an understanding that Jesus is worthy of all glory in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

“Every knee will bow / Every tongue confess / That Jesus is Lord of all / Everything I have / Everything for this / That Jesus is Lord of all”

Jesus is worthy of His glory. And so we make it our ambition to preach the gospel where Christ has not been preached, until that day when we finally see “a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’” (Revelation 7:9-10).

“All the earth will sing Your praise / In every language Jesus’ name / Lifted high around Your throne / Until You come, Lord we will go”

