



SOUTH JACKSON BEACON

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Psalm 96 ***Dan Jenkins***

We do not always know the circumstances about what was happening when the psalmist took his pen to let us see what a man after God's own heart was dealing with. Such is not the case of Psalm 96. The historical setting of that psalm is found 1 Chronicles chapter sixteen.

King David had defeated the Jebusites who occupied Jerusalem and had prepared a place in that city to place the ark of the covenant in the tent/tabernacle he had erected there. As the ark was brought, a host of Jewish worshipers assembled. The divine record describes it in these words. "So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God...On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord" (1 Chron. 16:1, 7).

What was the heart of David like as he worshiped God? Look at this psalm, and then be determined to let your heart be like this man as you come to worship Him.

David urged the people to "Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wonderful works" (16:9). While you focus on Him, He is focused on you. Sing praises to Him. "Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who see the Lord" (16:10). Let your soul commune within and glorify His name as you sing.

“Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face evermore” (16:11). Perhaps the words of Paul explain this best. “You were raised with Christ, seek those things above where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above” (Col. 3:1-2). You are in His presence so devote your entire being to the glorification and adoration of Him.

“Remember His marvelous works which He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth ... Remember His covenant forever” (16:12, 15). That covenant He made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob finds its final fulfillment in you! As you worship, remember all that He has done so that you can come before Him to worship.

“Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations” (16:23-24). Our adoration of Him does not end when the final prayer is prayed. Our faith has been fortified and we leave the assembly, but there is more. In several church buildings I have seen a sign saying, “Enter to Worship,” but there was another sign posted as you left the building, “Leave to Serve.” The blessing and joy of worship must be shared with the world.

God help us to worship Him like David did!

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Mary Bolen
Freddie & Carolyn Callis,
Margie Montgomery,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Jerry Crabb, Karen Chance,
Mary Lewis, Roberta Donaldson
Gaylon & Betty Cooper

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn & Trydy Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone

Today's Sermons

AM - 3 Positive Guidelines
Joshua 24:14-18

PM - 3 Negative Guidelines
Joshua 24:14-15

Happenings

South Jackson

5th Sunday Fellowship December 29th

Following Morning Worship

Evening service will be at
approximately 1:00 PM

Cards to Send

Teriyaki Anderson
225 Deerfield Loop
Henderson, TN 38340

Sandra Epperson
37 Southside Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	7
Bible Class	53/13
AM Worship	81/18
PM Worship	41/24
Wed Bible Study	52/8
Contribution	4374
Budget	4014

December 29th Speakers

AM - Dustin Semore
PM - Mike Wages

Those Privileged to Serve

Dec 15 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R.Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

Dec 22 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R.Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jerryt Butcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Greg Long

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Ray Pack

Dec 18 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Marion Thomas

Dec 25 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM