

HERE COMES THE JUDGE

Psalm 98:1-9

The only way to celebrate the God of future judgment is to know him as the God of past salvation.

Worship the Lord because he has been a great SAVIOR. (1-3)

- Yahweh has been a strong Savior. (1)
- Yahweh has been a public Savior. (2, 3b)
- Yahweh has been a faithful Savior. (3a)

Worship the Lord because he is the reigning KING. (4-6)

- All the earth is to shout and sing before this King. (4, 6b)
- All the instruments are to be used to celebrate this King. (5-6a)

Worship the Lord because he is the coming JUDGE. (7-9)

- All of nature is to celebrate the Judge and his righteous judgment. (7a, 8)
- All of humanity is to celebrate the Judge and his righteous judgment. (7b, 9)

WHAT? We don't usually think of divine judgment as a reason for celebration.

The great consternation: If there is no future judgment, what hope is there for the world?

One image of the future judgment is that God is the judge, and we are the plaintiff.

The great anxiety: If there is a future judgment, what hope is there for me?

One image of the future judgment is that God is the judge, and we are the defendant.

The great relief: There is hope for the world and hope for me if we know the Judge as our Savior.

The ultimate image of the future judgment is that God is the Judge who has taken our judgment.

<i>Cantate Domino</i> (Psalm 98)	Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1)
▪ "Sing to the LORD a new song." (1a)	▪ "My soul glorifies the Lord." (46)
▪ "For he has done marvelous things." (1b)	▪ "The Mighty One has done great things for me." (49)
▪ "His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him." (1c)	▪ "He has performed mighty deeds with his arm." (51)
▪ "The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations." (2)	▪ "His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation." (50)
▪ "He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel." (3a)	▪ "He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful." (54)