



EVERYONE IS CALLED TO PRACTICE HOLINESS AND MISSION

I've been reading the Bible my whole life. And it never ceases to amaze me when I read a familiar Scripture passage that strikes me in a whole new way. This happened to me as I was reading Psalm 96 shortly before we reached our billionth child with the Gospel message.

Psalms isn't typically thought of as a "missional" book of the Bible. Yet, on that day, this beautiful song stood out to me as combining the themes of holiness and missions.

**SING TO THE LORD;
PRAISE HIS NAME.**

EACH DAY **PROCLAIM** THE GOOD NEWS THAT HE SAVES.
PUBLISH HIS GLORIOUS DEEDS AMONG THE NATIONS.

— TELL EVERYONE ABOUT THE —

AMAZING THINGS HE DOES.

Worship the LORD in all his HOLY splendor.

Let all the earth tremble before him.

—Psalm 96, verses 2, 3 & 9

Every one of us who follows Christ is called to be an emissary of the Gospel—**be it on a short-term mission trip or in day-to-day life.** Rest assured that Satan will try to thwart our evangelistic efforts. It may come in the form of fear or doubt in the small whispers laced with the dispiriting thoughts of "you're not good enough".

The good news is that **God has not given us a spirit of fear.** When we are "in Him", we are covered, forgiven, renewed, made worthy.

Christ has already won—Satan no longer has power over us! We can be confident that when we follow the Spirit's leading, it is in Christ that we are able to truly worship and serve our great God. It is **in Christ where His holiness—not our own—empowers us to declare Him to all people in all places and to do His good works.**

I encourage you to pray and worship your way through Psalm 96 today. Affirming the greatness of God launches us into the presence of His holiness. This powerful place connects us to God's heart for every person in every nation to hear of His goodness and glory.

- Thank God for the privilege of sharing the message of hope!
- Take time to worship Him in the beauty of His holiness and focus your heart on gratitude for the love He has poured out on us.
- When you set your heart and mind in this holy place, praise God in advance for how He is going to powerfully use you for His Kingdom.

My prayer for you:

Heavenly Father, I worship you for your goodness. Thank you for inviting us to the holiness we don't deserve, but that you freely give through your son Jesus. I pray for the person who desires to share your message of hope and desires to invite others into Your Kingdom. Expand their realm of influence, and may Your wisdom permeate every corner of their life. May the Good News spread swiftly through this, your precious child.