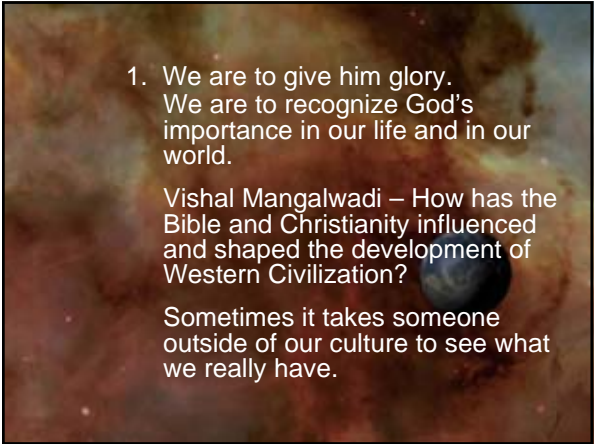


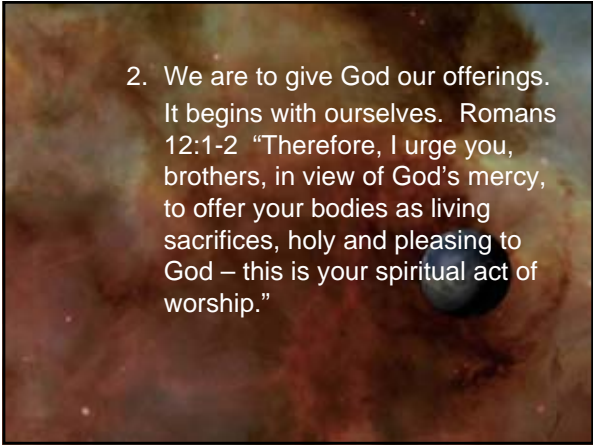
II. The King's Due. Psalm 96:7-9

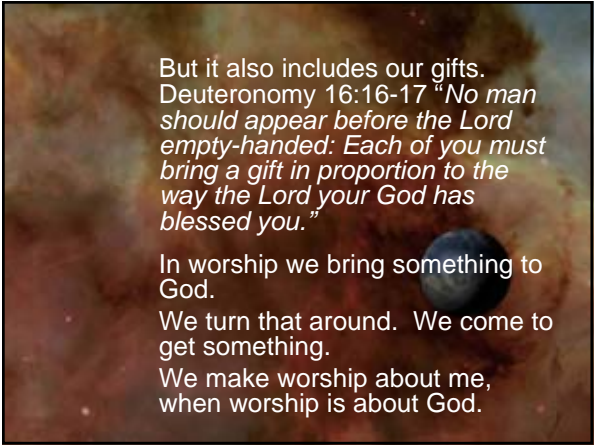
Psalm 96 calls us to give credit to whom credit is due.

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1. We are to give him glory.
We are to recognize God's importance in our life and in our world.

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Sometimes it takes someone outside of our culture to see what we really have.

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2. We are to give God our offerings.
It begins with ourselves. Romans 12:1-2 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship."




But it also includes our gifts. Deuteronomy 16:16-17 "*No man should appear before the Lord empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.*"


In worship we bring something to God.

We turn that around. We come to get something.

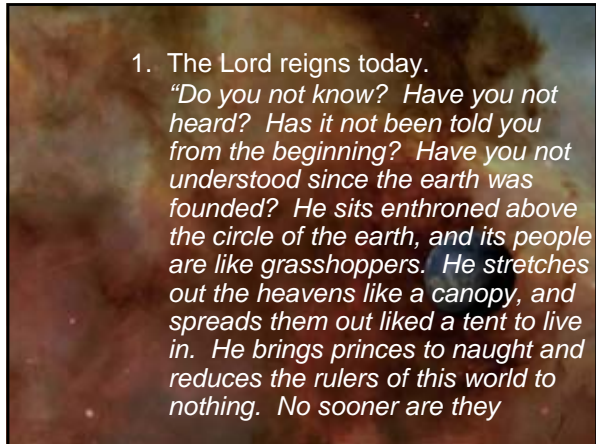
We make worship about me, when worship is about God.



What did you bring to God this morning?



III. The King's Coming. Psalm 96:10-12



1. The Lord reigns today.
"Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they

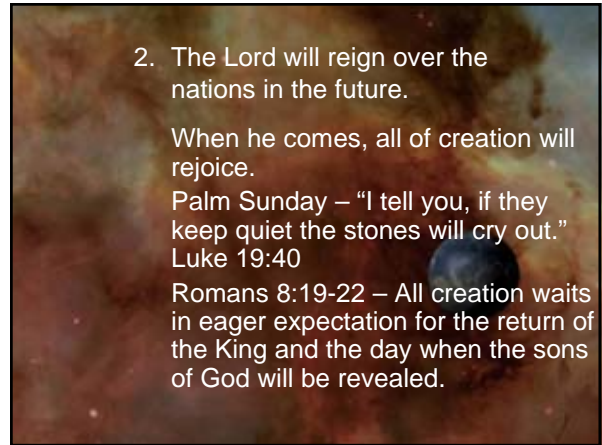


planted, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff." Isaiah 40:21-24



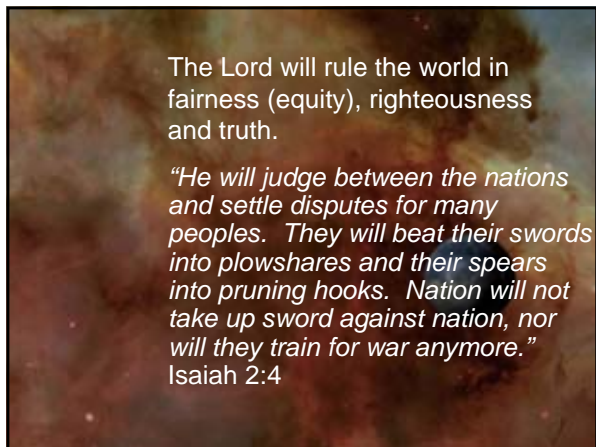
He is sovereign over the big things and the small things.
"Even the very hairs on your head are numbered." Matthew 10:30

The Lord reigns!

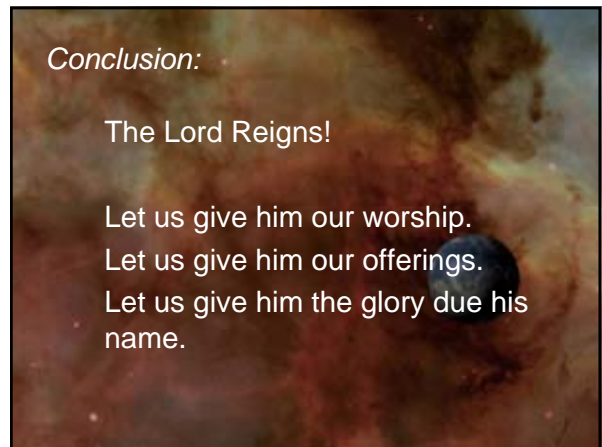


2. The Lord will reign over the nations in the future.

When he comes, all of creation will rejoice.
Palm Sunday – "I tell you, if they keep quiet the stones will cry out."
Luke 19:40
Romans 8:19-22 – All creation waits in eager expectation for the return of the King and the day when the sons of God will be revealed.



The Lord will rule the world in fairness (equity), righteousness and truth.
"He will judge between the nations and settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore."
Isaiah 2:4



Conclusion:

The Lord Reigns!

Let us give him our worship.
Let us give him our offerings.
Let us give him the glory due his name.