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**A WILLFUL falsehood is a cripple, not able to stand by itself without another to support it. It is easy to tell a lie, but hard to tell only one lie.**—Fuller.  
*There is no gain as certain as that which arises from sparing what you have.*—Publius Syrus.  
**Depend on no man, on no friend, but him who can depend on himself.**—Lavater.  
**He who sees without loving is only straining his eyes in the darkness.**—Maeterlinck.  
*A man's first duty is to educate his conscience.*—Bishop Gore.  
**Our joys here are born weeping.**—Samuel Rutherford.

**IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson**

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**INVITING OTHERS TO WORSHIP GOD**

LESSON TEXT—Psalm 96.  
 GOLDEN TEXT—O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.—Psalm 34:3.

Worship is not only fitting, but altogether natural to the soul aglow with the love of God. Yet it is a sacred privilege to which we may call ourselves and others and in the doing of which we may be helped by an intelligent understanding of its nature and preparation for its practice.

What is worship? How does it differ from prayer, or from praise (which we studied last week)? While prayer, praise and worship belong together and often merge in one blessed art of devotion, we may possibly distinguish between them by saying that in prayer we are concerned with our needs; in praise, with our blessings; and in worship, with God Himself.

**I. The Call to Worship (vv. 1-3).**  
 This psalm has to do with collective rather than individual worship. It is not enough that man should worship God in his own soul, there is an added blessing which comes to us only as we worship with others. So we need to be called together for worship.

True worship centers in "a new song" that is the song of a regenerated heart. Worship is only a formality without life until there is a new song in the heart, and then it becomes life's greatest joy and satisfaction.

Real worship is a "day to day" matter (v. 2), not just something we put on like our "Sunday-go-to-meeting" clothes. Every day we are to worship, and as we do, we shall "declare his glory among the heathen"; among those nearest to us, but ultimately to all the nations of the earth. Worship leads out in a desire that its blessing may be shared with all the people of the earth.

**II. The Reason for Worship (vv. 4-6).**

Why should we worship God? He is "great" and is a God so good and gracious that He is "greatly to be praised." He made the heavens. "Honor and majesty" stand before Him like sentinels; "strength and beauty" fill the holy place which is "his sanctuary." The very words bespeak that glorious majesty and gracious loving-kindness which impel the heart to worship. They encourage us who need and seek strength and beauty of life to seek communion with Him who dwells eternally in such an atmosphere.

**III. The Manner of Worship (vv. 7-10).**

We have suggested that fellowship with God prompts us to worship. Some would feel that nothing more is needed, but experience tells us that, while we may worship anywhere, we are helped to do so by proper surroundings and circumstances. We are told to "come into his courts" (v. 8) and to worship "in the beauty of holiness" (v. 9), or, as the Revised Version puts it, "in holy array."

We are to give or ascribe unto the Lord praise and glory among our "kindred" (v. 7); that is, our own family, as well as in "his courts." His sanctuary. Note that one of the outstanding ways of worshiping is to "bring an offering" (v. 8), which means more than casually slipping a small coin in the "collection." If our "offerings" are liberal and regular the church will be able to send the news that "the Lord reigneth" to the whole world (v. 10).

**IV. The Universality of Worship (vv. 11-13).**

A world which has felt the blow of man's sin (Rom. 8:22) and has suffered from his wickedness and destructive violence will so rejoice in the righteousness of God's judgment that even the realm of nature will break into joyous worship. What a beautiful picture we see in these verses, how God's creation will lift itself up in praise, the sea in tumultuous joy, when "the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees shall clap their hands" (Isa. 55:12).

Can man then hold his peace? Must not "mortal tongues awake" and "all that breathe partake" in wholehearted worship of God? Who then will want to stand among "them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thess. 1:7, 8), and with whom God can deal only in

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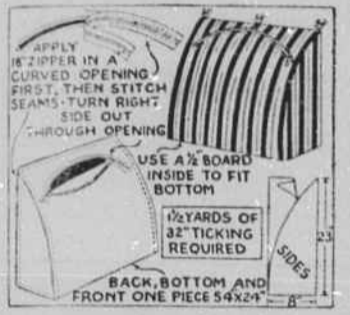
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