

Lent is a season of a kind of “happiness and wonder that makes you serious.” C.S. Lewis

The Text: Psalm 98

Read Psalm 98:7-9. What are promises of judgement found in these verses?

The Judge’s Actions	The World’s Responses

Read Psalm 98:4-6. What is the dilemma the world questions about God’s personality?

On one hand...holy judgment!	One the other hand...where is the love?

Read Psalm 98:1-3. How do these verses point the world both backward and forward?

The Text in the Bigger Story: Matthew 21:1-11

How does the worship of Jesus similar to the worship found in Psalm 98?

Jesus Completing the Story: Romans 2:1:11

Read Romans 2:11. How do these verses answer the world’s question of the nature of God?

Holy Judge	Loving Father

Living Out of the Story: Our Mission with Jesus

How can we share our life with Jesus to non-believers looking for “marvelous things”?

**"The essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, while the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man. Man asserts himself against God and puts himself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices himself for man and puts himself where only man deserves to be. Man claims prerogatives which belong to God alone; God accepts penalties which belong to man alone."**

**— John Stott, *The Cross of Christ* (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1984), 160**



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