



## REJOICE!!!

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Psalm 98:4-6

The book of Psalms has often been called the “Hebrew hymnal.” For centuries, God’s people have sung songs to express praise and worship. Psalm 98, the “orphan psalm” (because it has no title), begins by telling us why we are to rejoice (verses 1-3). We rejoice in response to God’s gift of salvation, and we rejoice because God’s promises are true and He is trustworthy. In Psalm 98:4-6, we move from answering the question “why” to answering the question “how.” How are we to express praise and joy in worship? While these few verses are not exhaustive, they do provide direction for us. In this Psalm, the people were called to express joy and praise verbally and musically.

True joy can only be found in the knowledge of God as our Savior and Redeemer. As we anchor our hope in Him, we are able to confront our fears, smile through our trials, and sing through our storms because, as Nehemiah declares, the “joy of the Lord is our strength.”

**KEY THOUGHT: God has given to us the tools necessary to express joy and praise to Him.**

### As a reminder:

- God’s gift of salvation is a source of joy.
- God’s promises are a source of joy.
- God has given to us the tools necessary to express joy and praise to Him!

“I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.” C.S. Lewis

### Three gifts God gives us for expressing joy and praise:

- The gift of the voice
- The gift of emotion – “God is to be praised heartily”
- The gift of instruments

(Psalm 47:1; Psalm 95:1–3; Psalm 106:1; Psalm 147:7; Matthew 2:10; Philippians 4:4)