



Lift Up Your Voice!

Psalm 96:1-5

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Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

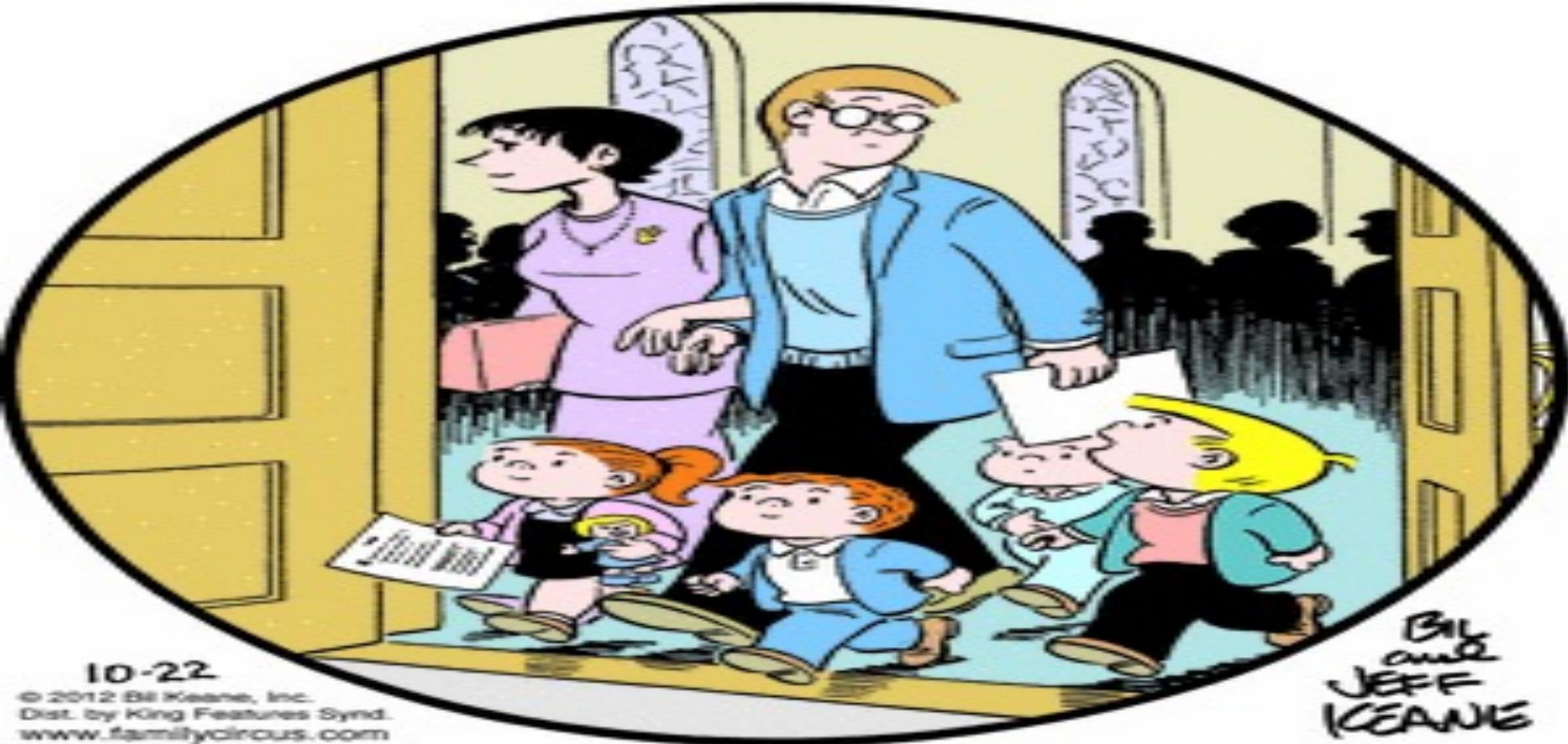
³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the
peoples!

⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to
be praised; he is to be feared above all
gods.

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are
worthless idols, but the LORD made the
heavens.

Sing to the Lord a New Song

- **Psalm 96:1** - Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!



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**“When we sing the hymns,
I think it’s best for me
to just be a listener.”**

3 Reasons People Do Not Sing in Worship Service

1. **Embarrassment** – feel their voice sounds bad or inadequate
2. **They Don't Know the Songs** – Song leaders choose songs for personal reasons and not for the congregation.
3. **Think They Are Not Expected to Sing** – Praise Teams and too many visual aids distract the congregation from focusing on the singing.

Who is the Audience for Our
Singing?

We Sing to the Lord

- **Psalm 96:1** - Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord – Bless His Name

- **Psalm 96:2** - Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Our Singing Brings Unity With One Another

- **Matthew 26:30** - And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
- **Ephesians 5:19** - ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, (NKJV)

Declare His Glory Among the Nations

- **Psalm 96:3** - Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Sing His Praises for all the World to Hear!

- **Psalm 98:4** - Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- **Psalm 7:17** - I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.
- **Psalm 146:2** - I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3 Ways Our Singing Changes the World

1. **Breaks Down Racial and Cultural Barriers** – we all sing together in unity as the body of Christ – No Jew, No Greek, No Gentile, Just the Body of Christ
2. **Provide Hope for the Lost** – Our singing is often like a sweet melody that leads sinners away from the broad way and into the narrow way
3. **Sets the Example of Faith** – Our singing shows our commitment to Jesus and willingness to place our faith on display for the world to see

For Great is the Lord

- **Psalm 96:4-5** - For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

We are a Holy People

- **Leviticus 19:2** - “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
- **1 Peter 1:13-16** - Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”
- **1 Peter 2:9** - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Standing Firm in One Spirit

- **Philippians 1:27-29** - ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.

Sing, Sing a Song

Sing, sing a song
Make it simple to last
Your whole life long
Don't worry that it's not
Good enough for anyone
Else to hear
Just sing, sing a song