***Psalm 98 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. 2The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. 3He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. 5Sing to the Lord with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm,  
6With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King. 7Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; 8Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together 9before the Lord, For He is coming to judge the earth.  
With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.***

New Year! What a great time to sing to the Lord a new song! Not the old song – that song is old, it’s over, it’s done – ship has sailed, not coming back! Sing a new song. Years ago, there was a saying among the young people. A father walks into his daughters room singing a song from the fifties and the daughter says, “Oh Daddy, that song is so yesterday!” Meaning it’s not longer relevant, out of style, meant to remain in the past. Sing unto the Lord a new song! What is the song we’re singing to the Lord this morning? The song that rises from the deepest parts of our soul? Would God say to you, say to me, “Oh child, that song is so yesterday! This is 2022. Sing to me a new song?”

This is such a powerful psalm of Hope! Verse 1 says *Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.* Each morning of 2022, let’s make it our goal to see God for Who He really Is! Marvelous, wonderful, incredible things He has done. The most marvelous of all is, when we are in Jesus, we have victory by His right hand, His holy arm. We have seen a great Light, come to heal the nations, come to save the world, come to give Hope to the hopeless, Peace to the troubled, and Life to the dying. Marvelous things, great things he hath done! Sing a new song.

Did we wake this morning able to breathe freely? See? Hear? Get out of the bed? Was there water in the faucet? Were the children rowdy? Did we have clothes to choose from? Food to eat? Shelter to walk out of? Let’s not take these for granted – Marvelous, wonderful, exceedingly great and undeserved things He has done! How can we not sing a new song when the bluebirds and butterflies of blessings are fluttering all around us? How dare we rise with anything but joy on our lips and a new song in our hearts!

Verses 2-3 *The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. 3He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.* He has made Jesus, the Salvation of the world, known. Christmas is our celebration of Isaiah 9:2 *The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.* Because people have done great things and are quite marvelous? No! God has done a marvelous thing revealing righteousness, salvation, by way of His mercy and faithfulness. Our hearts must be bursting with new song for this!

Verses 4-6 *Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. 5Sing to the Lord with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, 6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.* How might our lives change if we took seriously the command to count it all joy when we suffer all manner of trials? How might we be different if we shouted and sang loudly and joyfully to the Lord in praise? If we sang to Him as loudly as we sing a worldly song? If we praise as quickly as we complain? I know I’m the only one here today that is guilty – I have work to do on this. 2022 is a great year to sing and shout a new song. Day 2 is a wonderful day to start.

Verses 7-9 *Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; 8Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together 9before the Lord, For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.* Nature proclaims God everywhere we look! Psalm 19:1 says *The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.* Miracles abound all around us – do we have eyes to see and ears to hear?

Judgement will come. Forgiveness, remission of sin comes through the shedding of blood Hebrews 9:2. Christ shed His blood, a sin offering that we might find righteousness in Him. God will see the Blood and count us as righteous in that day – 2 Corinthians 5:21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*. Sing a new song my friends – great and marvelous things He hath done! All praise, all glory, all hope, all joy is due Him every waking minute.

In 2022, let’s sing a new song. Let’s see the marvelous things He’s done, is doing, and will do. Let’s look with expectation for the promise. Let’s spend more time shouting in praise and less time complaining in our tents. Turn criticism into Godly commitment. May we turn our tongue from hurting to healing. May we sing a new song in Jesus – Great things He hath done!