

1. Fame Famous American artist Andy Warhol said: 'everyone can be famous for 15min'.

With social media today, everyone might be famous for 15secs. We can quickly lose that fame, but not the gravity of the glory of God! Why? Look at Psalm 96:1-3

2. A new song The writer tells the world to sing, praise, proclaim, declare. But sing what? A 'new song'. Not a new style of song, but new content. In the Bible new songs are about God saving his people. We see that in (2) 'Proclaim his salvation' day after day. This salvation is the Lord's name (2), his marvellous deeds and glory (3)! What is glory? In the West ...

3. The gravity of glory is fame or splendour like Nadal winning 13 French Tennis Opens or seeing the Grand Canyon. In the Bible glory means weight, influence or importance. In history, people showed their glory by their 'weighty' clothes or crowns. But where do we see the weightiness/glory of God? God's glory (2-3) is seen in his name, his marvellous deeds of salvation. Israel sang when God saved them out of Egypt (Ex 15), after 40 years in the desert (Dt 32), and after they defeated the Canaanites (Jdg 5). King David sang when the ark of God returned to Jerusalem after God gave Israel victory over their enemies (2 Sam 6). In 1 Chr 16:23 onwards it says David wrote and sang Psalm 96 telling the whole world to sing about ...

4. The gravity of God's glory which is seen in God's very being! In Ps 96:4-6 can you see the weightiness of God? He is more worthy of praise than anyone or anything - than Buddha, Muhammed, Plato, Einstein, Queen Elizabeth, Abraham Lincoln, Nadal or all the other 'gods' because he made everything. To worship anyone or anything apart from God is idolatry. There is no one like God. So, that's why in Ps 96:7-10 David calls all the nations to sing, not just Israel, to give God the glory He deserves. This is evangelism. People should tremble before God who reigns/rules - remember Isaiah's gospel in Isa 52:7! In Ps 96: 11-13 it says:

5. All creation is to sing - the seas, the fish & whales in the seas, the fields, snakes, koalas, trees are all to become a mighty choir of praise to God. Nothing is to be silent. But there is ...

6. Judgment - Look at Psalm 96:10, 13. All creation will joyfully sing because God will judge rightly and faithfully. Does God's coming judgement make you feel like singing? Christians in Darfur (western Sudan) might rejoice in God's coming judgement on armies who rape and kill refugees. Christians in North Korean political jails might sing, like the martyrs in Rev 6:10, asking how long before God will judge those who kill God's people? For God to not judge the world would show that he doesn't care. But God's love moves him to judge. When did you last sing about God's judgment? The best thing about God's judgment is that it is God who judges. Because only God is all-knowing and wise enough to judge rightly, and powerful enough to enforce it, not like corrupt people in our world. We see God's righteous judgments in the flood, the Exodus, the Exile, in handing people over to their sinful desires (Rom 1), and ultimately in the coming of Jesus when he suffered God's righteous judgment in our place. Jesus knows what it is like to suffer injustice, yet responds with love, even to those who killed him. He knows how not to abuse his power. And he will judge rightly! So, we must lovingly warn people about the truth of hell. But our world is blind to this gospel Why? Because in 2 Cor 4:4-6 the devil blinds us from seeing God's glory in ...

7. The face of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the fulfillment of Ps 96. His name is above every name. Satan is Jesus' ultimate enemy. Jesus' mission is to gather people out of Satan's Kingdom into God's kingdom (Col 1:13-14). Only God can shine the light of the gospel so we see the gravity of God's glory in Jesus as we preach Christ as Lord through God's Holy Spirit. So we must pray for the unbelievers, for boldness to speak the gospel. When people don't respond it's tempting to be nice, do good and help the poor, but these things are not evangelism. Remember the verbs of Ps 96? They're all speaking words: sing, praise, declare, proclaim. People will only 'see' Jesus if they hear the gospel from us. If your heart is captured by Jesus, you will tell everyone about him! Don't focus on yourself, preach about Jesus as Lord (2 Cor 4:5). And we share the gospel by opening the Bible using UnCover Mark or Luke. So, when should we preach about Jesus?

8. It's time NOW! Jesus coming (Mark 1:15) fulfils God promises to Abraham & David. So, it's time to repent and believe the gospel about Jesus as the Son of God, proven to be the Christ by his resurrection from the dead, who will return to judge everyone This is the time to pray for friends and family to see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, to ask God to save thousands, to take the gospel to the world, to sing of Jesus as Lord and of His salvation!