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## **SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE**

### **Psalm 98**

1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.  
2 The Lord has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
3 He has remembered his love  
and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;  
5 make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,  
6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.  
7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.  
8 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;  
9 let them sing before the Lord,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

### **Mark 10:17–25**

17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"   
20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

22 At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23 Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”

24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

## **2 Wonders of Jesus' Love:**

1. Jesus' love is perfectly filled with both grace and truth.
2. Jesus sees the real us, and He still loves us.

## **TWO QUESTIONS:**

1. How have I seen the wonders of Jesus' love this Christmas season?
2. How am I going, telling and showing Jesus' grace, truth and love this Christmas?

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# **GROUP DISCUSSION**

**Take time as a group to read Psalm 98 and the carol "Joy to the World." What similarities do you see?**

**What parts of the passage do you think Isaac Watts was referring to as he wrote the carol?**

**Look at the imagery of nature and how it responds to the work of God. How does that strike you?**

**Read verse 1. What new song has the Lord put in your mouth? Share a testimony with your group.**

**How can our group pray for you in this season?**