Marvelous Love

Psalm 98:1-3

¹Sing to the Lord a new song because he has done wonderful things! His own strong hand and his own holy arm have won the victory! ²The Lord has made his salvation widely known; he has revealed his righteousness in the eyes of all the nations. ³God has remembered his loyal love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; every corner of the earth has seen our God's salvation.

When this Psalm was written, the Israelites had returned from exile in Babylon back to Canaan. It is a song of joy for all the marvelous things God had done for them through the centuries.

Yet centuries later God "raised up his Son Jesus to be not only a light to lighten the Gentiles, but the glory of his people Israel; for he sent him, in the first place, to bless them. God is said, in sending Christ, to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember the holy covenant." (Henry commentary)

These promises are still ours today. God provides his love and faithfulness for all the earth. Jesus Christ's message of salvation is for all that only need to believe in him. Our lives and that of our church will be led, by listening for the "Possibilities Ahead" that God will guide us to do.

God will guide us to reach out--to those in need those that are lost; that are lonely and need love, compassion, and caring--to meet them where they are if we only listen for the voice of God's guiding words to break through our prayers.

Prayer: Heavenly Father thank you for all the marvelous things you have done for us. Thank you for sending your son Jesus to be our guide for sharing your love of all. Please guide us as to share love, compassion, and caring for all we encounter. Amen.

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