



“And now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world...” (John 17:11).

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PROCLAIMING THE ASCENSION OF AN EMPEROR

Earlier this fall, a man of royal birth named Naruhito proclaimed himself emperor of Japan. His father had previously abdicated the throne, and now his son, next in line in the world’s oldest hereditary monarchy, took his place. “I hereby proclaim my enthronement,” Naruhito said, promising to fulfill his responsibilities to the people of Japan. Thousands of guests attended the ceremony, shouting the traditional cheer that means “10,000 years.”

PROCLAIMING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

After David had led the people to properly bring the ark of the covenant into its tent in Jerusalem, he wanted the celebration to continue. He commissioned a certain musician, Asaph, to create a new song that would proclaim the everlasting goodness of the Lord. The song reminded Israel of God’s graciousness to them throughout their 2,500-plus-year history and urged them to proclaim their gratitude to Him.

1. People often proclaim the major milestones in their lives, such as engagements or the birth of a first child. What have you proclaimed in your life?
2. Why is it important to remember that God is our king?
3. What would you like to proclaim today about God’s everlasting goodness?

Additional Resources

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[Guzik’s Commentary on 1 Chronicles 16](#)
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