

## Reflection on Psalm 98

From the very beginning,  
    God has longed to be  
    with His people.  
From the garden to the  
    wilderness, from the  
    tabernacle to the  
    temple,  
God has burned with the desire to  
    live among His people and  
    be their God in the fullest possible sense.

He planned it.  
He promised it, and  
    in His absolute sovereignty,  
    He determined that it would be so.

He came once –  
    to become one of us and  
    to give His own life to rescue us.  
And He left only  
    to pour out His Spirit on us and  
    to prepare for our full, eternal union with Him.

The same sovereign love that caused Him to come once  
    is bringing Him back.  
He has promised, and  
    He yearns for us with the heart of a Father.  
Nothing can keep Him away.  
    Nothing.

All His people,  
all the nations,  
all creation,  
    rejoice!  
    Stay ready!  
    Wait expectantly!

He  
is  
coming!

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