



Psalms 95

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HOW TO WORSHIP GOD

Introduction:

I. THE INVITATION TO CELEBRATE (vs. 1-7b)

A. How We Worship (vs. 1-2)

“O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD,”

“Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.”

“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,”

“Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.”

B. Why We Worship (vs. 3-5)

“For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods,”

“In whose hand are the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains are His also.” (Romans 8:35-59)

“The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land.”

C. The Way We Worship (vs. 6-7b)

“Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.” (Daniel 6:10)

“For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.”

Psalms 79:13; 100:3 (c.f. John 10:11-28)

II. THE INSTRUCTION TO CONSIDER (vs. 7c-11)

A. Hear God's Voice (vs. 7c)

“Today, if you would hear His voice...” (Hebrews 3:7 - 4:13)

B. Heed God's Voice (vs. 8-11)

1) Don't Resist Him (vs. 8)

"Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness..." (Exodus 17:1-7)

Matthew 15:7-9

2) Don't Test Him (vs. 9)

"When your fathers tested Me, they tried Me, though they had seen My work."

3) Don't Stray from Him (vs. 10-11)

"For forty years I loathed that generation..."

"and said they are a people who err in their heart, and they do not know My ways." (Matthew 22:29)

"Therefore I swore in My anger, truly they shall not enter into My rest." (Numbers 14:28-35)

Hebrews 3:12-15

Conclusion:

- 1) Our salvation motivates us to sing praises to the Lord. (vs. 1-2)
- 2) God's sovereignty requires that we follow His ways. (vs. 3-5)
- 3) We belong to God our Maker and owe Him our worship. (vs. 6-7)
- 4) We have been given a clear example of the consequences of failure to follow God's ways. (vs. 8-11)

Food for Thought:

- 1) What is/should be the role of joy in our worship?
- 2) How does creation factor into our worship?
- 3) What does the sheep metaphor teach us about following God's ways?
- 4) What lessons should be learned from Israel's experience?