

“The Call To Worship”
Psalm 95:1-11
Wednesday February 8, 2017

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A.W. Tozer said, “Worship is the missing jewel of the church.”

Psalm 95 is a Psalm of invitation to worship God!

Psalm 95:1 – “O Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;”

Psalm 95:6 – “Come, let us worship and bow down;”

Worship – English word “worth-ship”. We worship God because He is worthy!

Hebrew – 4 words “to bow down, to do homage”; **Greek** – “to kiss towards”
Another word is “a priestly ministry”. Take the Hebrew and Greek words, put them together and you get **attitudes** (awe, reverence, respect) and **actions** (bowing, praising, serving); Subjective and objective.

Worship – is “the believer’s response of all that they are – mind, emotions, will, and body – to what God is and says and does.”

Worship – is a response to who God is. **Praise** – is a response to what God does.

How should we worship God?

1. Verses 1-5 – We Worship Through Rejoicing

2. Verses 6-7 – We Worship Through Reverence

3. Verses 7-11 – We Worship Through Response

1. Verses 1-5 – We Worship Through Rejoicing:

Psalm 95:1

5 Observations Of True Worship:

1. Worship Is Corporate: “O Come, let us” – This is Corporate Worship! It says “**Let us.**” In fact, it uses that phrase **six times.**

Hebrews 10:25

2. Worship Is A Verbal Offering To The Lord: “sing for joy to the LORD;” – The Bible is filled with singing. (Verbally)

1. When Israel was delivered from Egypt, the people sang a song, Ex. 15.
2. Psalms – sacred songs that were song.
3. The Magnificent Mary breaks into a song of praise to God, Luke 1:46.
4. Zacharias' Song, Luke 1:67.
5. The Epistles have Doxologies – Romans 11:33-36; Eph 3:20-21.

Hebrews 13:15

Ephesians 5:19

Some songs are directed to people! “Declaring Songs”; Declaratory Songs; Declaring the glory and power of God.

Psalm 40:3; Psalm 96:1

Eph 5:19 – “singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;”

Colossians 3:16

3. Our Worship Is To Be God-Centered: Notice we are to sing to the Lord: “sing for joy to the LORD;”

Worship has been called “The Ultimate Priority!”

Revelation 4:11 – We were created to worship God. To give Him glory, to honor His name.

Worship is never meant to impress others!

1 Corinthians 14:33

4. Worship Is Vibrant And Joyful. We Worship By Singing Joyfully To The Lord: Psalm 95:1-2

“shout joyfully” – “raise a shout”, Joshua 6:20.

1 Samuel 4:5

We Worship by singing thankfully to the Lord: Psalms 95:2

Psalms 26:7; Psalms 50:14; Psalms 69:30; Psalms 100:4

1 Thess 5:18

5. The Foundation Of Worship Is Truth: Psalm 95:3

Why Do We Worship? Because of who God is, a great God!
"For the LORD is a great God,"

John 4:23-24

"worship in spirit" – worship of God is spiritual not formalism. We think of worship as a matter of form.

"and truth." – The true God of the Bible; that our worship is based upon the perimeters of the Word.

"Worship That Ignores The Bible (Divine Revelation) Is Not Spiritual"

Our God is the Creator: All that we see has come from our God who spoke it into existence.

Psalm 95:4-5

2. Verses 6-7 – We Worship Through Reverence:

Psalm 95:6

"For He is our God, (Creator) And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand." – God creates and God sustains.

The picture now is that of the Savior, the Redeemer, that we should bow and kneel before!

Psalm 95:1 – "the rock" – steadfast, stable, strong. Our salvation is sure. It is built upon the rock of ages.

3. Verses 7-11 – We Worship Through Response:

Psalm 95:7 – "Today, if you would hear His voice," – (NLT) puts it this way: "If only you would listen to his voice today!"

The word "**Worship**" in Hebrew – "to bow down"; that our worship is based in obedience to God. **With our Worship we have a Warning!**

Psalm 95:8 – God speaking here!: "Do not harden your hearts," – what this means is "Doing your own thing, living apart from Him!"

“as at Meribah, (Test) As in the day of Massah (Quarrel) in the wilderness;”

Exodus 17:1-7

Hebrews 3 mentions it 3X. It is a warning.

Numbers 20 – Almost 40 years later, the people do it all over again.

Psalm 95:9

They were resisting and fighting God for 40 years.

Psalm 95:10-11

“they shall not enter into My rest.” – The rest is not heaven, but it is the life of victory. It is walking in God’s power and blessing; the fruitful life.

Matthew 11:28

Application:

- 1. Worship Is To Be Our Priority. The Invitation From God To Worship Is Fundamental.** He is worthy of our worship and He longingly seeks people who are committed to worship Him in Spirit and in truth. When we fail to worship, our hearts will become hardened, which can lead to disobedience and even discipline.
- 2. Worship Is To Be Continual.** Every day is “today” with God. We can’t put off God’s invitation. When we do, it’s to our own peril.

J.C. Ryle said, “The best public worship, is that which produces the best private Christianity.”