

“The Call To Worship”
Psalm 95:1-11
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What Worship Is Not!

- Worship is not AN EVENT. Matt. 15:8
- Worship is not MUSIC.
- Worship is not A PERFORMANCE.
- Worship is not A FEELING.
- Worship is not something that’s CONFINED to one day a week.

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)

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 Thru Rejoicing**
- 2. Verses 6-7 – We Worship Thru Reverence**
- 3. Verses 7-11 – We Worship Thru Response**

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

5 Observations about true worship:

1. Worship Is Corporate: “O Come, let us” – phrase: six times.

Hebrews 10:25

2. Worship is a Verbal offering to the Lord: sing for joy to the LORD;

Ex. 15 Miriam Aaron's sister

The Magnificent, Luke 1:46

Zacharias' Song, Luke 1:67

Epistles have Doxologies – Romans 11:33-36, Eph 3:20-21

Notice we are also told to sing to each other:

Eph 5:19

Psalms 40:3

Psalms 96:1

Col 3:16

3. Our Worship is to be God-centered: Notice we are to sing to the Lord: sing for joy to the LORD;

Rev 4:11

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 Sam. 4:5

We Worship by singing thankfully to the Lord: Psalm 95:2
with thanksgiving;

Psalms 26:7

Psalms 50:14

Psalms 69:30

Psalms 100:4

1 Thess 5:18

5. Worship's Foundation Is In The 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

Our God is the Creator:

Psalm 95:4-5

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

We Worship Humbly before the Lord: bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD

Is the bowing, and the kneeling the most important thing in worship?
NO!

Matt 6:9

Luke 5:8

Mark 7:6-7

Our God is the Sustainer: Psalm 95:7

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 Thru Response:

Today, if you would hear His voice, (NLT) puts it this way: “If only you would listen to his voice today!”

Psalm 95:8

as at Meribah, (Test) As in the day of Massah (Quarrel)

Ex 17:1-7

Psalm 95:9-11

Matt 11:28

Application:

How does this apply to me?

1. Worship is to be our priority. The invitation from God to worship is fundamental.
2. Worship is to be continual.