

## TRUE WORSHIP LEADS TO TRUE LIVING

Psalm 95

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### 1. True worship is by God's grace (vv. 1a, 6a).

- > Oh come, let us sing to the LORD (v. 1a)
- > Oh come, let us worship and bow down (6a)

**Hebrews 10:19-22** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

### 2. True worship exalts God (vv. 1b-2).

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

#### > To lose the focus of God is to lose the purpose of worship.

"to the Lord", "to the rock of our salvation", "into his presence", "to him with songs of praise"

#### > What do we do when we worship the Lord?

- We joyfully sing praises to Him (vv. 1-2).
- Sing to the Lord (v. 1)
- Come into his presence with thanksgiving (v. 2)
- Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation
- Make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise

The supremacy of God is the foundation of our Joy and our joy is a revelation of His supremacy. - **John Piper**

### 3. True worship is individual and corporate (vv. 1, 2, 6).

"Let us" is used 6x in verses 1, 2, 6.

**Hebrews 10:24-25** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

#### 4. True worship is grounded in knowing God (vv. 3-5).

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

> **Worship is responding to God's revelation of himself.**

> **Theology is doxology!**

Worship without theology is sentimental and weak; theology without worship is cold and dead. Magnifying God's greatness begins with proclamation of objective, biblical truths about God, but it ends with the expression of deep and holy affections toward God.

> **What happens when we don't see the greatness of God?**

It makes a person bored with God and excited about the world. If you don't see the greatness of God, then all the things that money can buy become very exciting. If you can't see the sun, you will be impressed with the streetlight. If you've never felt thunder and lightning, you'll be impressed with fireworks. And if you turn your back on the greatness and majesty of God, you'll fall in love with a world of shadows and short-lived pleasures. - **John Piper**

#### 5. True worship is surrendering our lives to God (v. 6).

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

> **What do we do when we worship the Lord?**

- We joyfully sing praises to him (vv. 1-2).
- We humbly submit to Him (v. 6).

**Isaiah 66:2** All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. And all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin. - **William Temple**

#### 6. True worship is hearing and obeying God's voice (95:7d-11) (Hb. 3:12-14).

7d Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9 when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

> **What do we do when we worship the Lord?**

- We joyfully sing praises to Him (vv. 1-2)
- We humbly submit to Him (v. 6).
- We gladly obey Him (v. 7).

**Hebrews 3:12-14**

12 Take care, brothers,  
lest there be in any of you  
an evil, unbelieving heart,  
leading you to fall away  
from the living God.

13 But exhort one another  
every day, as long as it is called "today,"  
that none of you may be hardened  
by the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have come to share in Christ,  
if indeed we hold our original confidence  
firm to the end. 15 As it is said,  
"Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

**Benediction**

**Colossians 3:16–18** 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.