

“Sustaining Our Faith through Song” (Psalm 95)

Introduction:

95:1-2)

Structure of a Praise Psalm:

- Call to praise
- Cause of praise
- (Renewed call to praise)

Emphasis on “joyful noise”=enthusiasm

How do songs sustain our faith?

1. Songs stick in our minds.

2. Songs touch our hearts.

95:3-5) The cause of praise

1. Great God/King

2. Creator

Emphasis on “his”

Poetry term: **Merism** (vertical and horizontal)

95:6-7c) A renewed call of praise and cause of praise

“worship” “bow down” “kneel”

Not just “believe in Jesus” but humble self before Jesus

Belonging: “we are the people of his pasture”

Identity: “and the sheep of his hand”

95:7d-11) Meribah and Massah (Exodus 17)

Trust and obey: the other side of acceptable worship

“Today”

Hebrews 3-4

Conclusion: Open-ended

What kind of heart toward God do you have?