

## **PSALM 95 – A Call to Worship and Obedience!**

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**SHOUT TO THE LORD** – Hillsong (4:23) **Psa 95:1b** *Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.*

*My Jesus, my Saviour Lord there is none like You All of my days I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love My comfort, my shelter Tower of refuge and strength Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing Power and majesty, praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar*

*At the sound of Your name I sing for joy at the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have In You (2X)*

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**PSALM 95** - is known as an invitational psalm because it invites us to come and to sing unto the Lord.

### **Let Us Sing Songs of Praise**

**Psa 95:1** *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.*

- Singing unto the Lord has always been an especially important part of the worship of Judaism and of the worship of the church. You think of how many songs that have been inspired by the Lord; songs that lead people to worship, songs that express His glory and His wonders, songs that express praise unto Him.

**Psa 95:2** *Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

- So let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. As they would be entering into the temple precincts for worship they would enter with singing. That is the singing right out of these psalms. We do not worship Him in order to receive some kind of blessing or benefit, but we worship Him for what He is and for what He has done.

**Psa 95:3** *For the LORD is the great God, And the great King above all gods.*

- The psalmist is declaring that He is the “King above all gods.” No matter what it is that you may have enthroned in your life, what it is that you are worshiping. What is the first primary thrust of your heart? Our God, Jehovah is the King above all Gods.

**Psa 95:4** *In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also.*

- The depths and all the heights. In our lives we have experiences where we go through the valleys. He is the God of the valley. We have glorious mountaintop experiences. He is the God of the mountains. I will show them that I am the God of everything.” They met them next time in the valley and God overcame them in the valley. So it is in our lives. He is the God of the valleys, He is there. Many times we lose that consciousness of Him as we are going through a deep valley. As we are going through times of suffering we sort of lose the consciousness of Him, but He is the God of the valleys as well as the hills.

**Psa 95:5** *The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land.*

- Geologists have many ideas of how the earth was formed. If you go over to the northern border of Israel with Lebanon on the seacoast, there is the most interesting formation there. There is a huge sedimentary mountain there but in this sedimentary mountain there are all of these agates, just all of these agates. Now just how did all of these agates get dispersed along this strata of sediment that is formed into that mountain?

**Psa 95:6** *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.*

- In their forms of worship there was bowing before the Lord. Bowing in a sign of submission as a servant bows to the Lord. I think that it is good to bow before the Lord. It reminds us of our relationship with Him.

**Psa 95:7** *For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:*

- How important that we learn to be sensitive to the voice of the Lord? God has spoken to us, every one of us. The Bible is God’s word to you. It is amazing how that as you read the Bible God, often personalizing it as a scripture will just seem to come right off the pages and jump right into your heart and you say, “That’s for me.” It is a wonderful thing how the word of God could just speak to our hearts. It is also wonderful how God will speak to us, many times, through a sermon.

**Psa 95:8** *Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness,*

**Psa 95:9** *When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work.*

- There's always that danger of hardening our hearts to God and to the things of God. The encouragement and the exhortation are to not harden your heart. As did the children of Israel in the wilderness provoked God. They tempted Him, they proved Him, and they saw His works. The example here that he is using, do not harden your heart but listen to God. Do not harden your heart to the word of God, which they have done. God had their law, but they hardened their hearts to God's word. As a result, they did not enter into God's rest, but they perished in the wilderness.

***Psa 95:10 For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.'***

- That is where the commitment is really made. They erred by not making a true and full commitment, which is the commitment of your heart. The commitment of your mind is a shallow commitment. "I have decided to follow Jesus" well that is great if it is from the heart. If it is from the mind, tomorrow you could decide to do something else. It is very easy to change your mind. Have you noticed how quickly you can change your mind? The least little difficulty could cause you to change your mind. "Well let's go down this road" and it gets bumpy then "Let's go back, let's take the highway." It is very easy to change your mind than taking many rough spots. It takes the work of the spirit to change the heart. Making that commitment of the heart, they have erred in their heart. Their commitment was not of the heart. *And they have not known my ways.* Oh, that I might know the ways of the Lord.

***Psa 95:11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' " Psa 94:1 O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs—O God, to whom vengeance belongs, shine forth!***

- The writer of Hebrews encourages us to enter into that rest declaring "For there is a rest for the people of God and they that have entered into that rest have ceased from their own labors." So he says something that sounds almost paradoxical, he said, "Let us therefore labor that we might enter into the rest." The "rest" is from a total commitment of my heart to the Lord. As I commit myself totally I then enter into the rest because I know that at this point my life is in God's hands and he is able to keep me. My life is in God's hands! Nothing happens to me but what God has not allowed it to happen for a good purpose. So I rest, I do not get all frantic over the things of life, I do not begin to panic and get all upset. It is in God's hands, win or lose it is all in His hands! My life belongs to Him.

***TO GOD BE THE GLORY—Graham Choir – (2:26) - Psa 95:7b Today, if you will hear His voice:***

*1 To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

*2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.(Refrain)*

*3 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*

***PRAY FOR OUR NATION'S LEADERS: PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA: PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS: - PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH/PERSECUTED CHURCH; SCHOOLS; POLICE OFFICERS/MILITARY;***

**Pray for World Leaders, especially their salvation, including:** Narendra Modi- India (1,429; 2.2%) Xi Jinping – China (1,427 million; 7.5% Christian); Joe Biden – USA (329; 26.4%); Joko Widodo – Indonesia (263; 3.1%); Luiz Lula da Silva – Brazil (209; 24.5%) Arif Alvi – Pakistan (208; 0.6%) Shehbaz Sharif – Nigeria (203; 26.2%) Hasina Wazed – Bangladesh (159; 0.4%) Vladimir Putin- Russia (142; 1.4%); Lopez Obrador – Mexico (126; 10.3%) Benjamin Netanyahu – Israel (8.4; 0.4%) Olaf Scholtz – Germany (80; 2.1%) Rishi Sunak – U.K. (65; 7.8%) Kim Jong-un – North Korea (25; 1.5%)

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