

Sermon Reflections

Joyful Worship, Willing Obedience, Sober Reflection (Psalm 95)

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Summary: God's relationship with His people propels us to joyfully worship Him and willingly obey Him as our Sovereign King.

Four Directives for Believers:

1. Joyfully Praise God (vv. 1-2)

Psalm 95 begins with a call to believers to come and corporately worship the LORD who is the rock of our salvation. Where is this call to worship to occur? On what basis we are able to worship? To whom are we to direct our worship as described in the text? What actions are worshippers called to in response to God? Is worship designed to happen outside of the location named? Is this worship to occur individually *and* corporately? Where is your heart throughout the week as it regards worshipping God? What helps you look forward to corporate worship each week?

2. Clearly See God's Rule (vv. 3-5)

What does the text reveal about who God is? How does seeing God rightly aide our worship? In what ways do you clearly see God's might and rule? When are you tempted to make other things higher than God in your life? What are some areas you struggle with in prioritizing over the Lord?

3. Joyfully Submit to the God who Knows You (vv. 6-7c)

- On what basis does the psalmist call the people to worship? Seeing who God is rightly calls for a response. What posture of the heart are worshippers called to in the text?
- Worship and obedience are two sides of one coin. Why can you not have one without the other? What does a lack of obedience result in? What kind of obedience is evident in genuine worship?

4. Soberly Examine Your Heart (vv. 7d-11)

- Why does the psalmist refer to Israel's former rebellion in his admonishment to hear God's voice?
- What were the reasons Israel failed in their worship after having seen who God is and experienced His deliverance? (Also see: Hebrews 3:7-19) How can Israel's failure of faith and worship be a lesson to us in our walk with God today? (Also see 1 Cor 10:1-13, especially verses 6 and 11)