

Psalm 95 - Worship that Leads to Obedience

Psa 95:1-11 ESV 1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a **joyful noise** to the **rock of our salvation!**

- **INVITATION - to COME**
- **CORPORATE 6x let us or the word OUR is used**
 - v1 LET US **sing**, v2 LET US come to His **presence**, v6 LET US **worship** bow down)
 - **Sing** = Shout
 - **Make a joyful noise** - split the ear shout of victory
- **DIRECTED** To the LORD - the ROCK of our SALVATION (Hebrew Yesha - link to Yeshua Jesus save)

What stirs our hearts for this kind of raucous praise?

Come WITH thanksgiving

- 2 Let us come **into his presence** with thanksgiving;

FOR He is a great God - a great King above all gods (18,000? Or more)

- let us make a **joyful noise** to him with **songs of praise!** 3 For the **LORD is a great God**, and a **great King above all gods.**

He is creator of all - and because He is creator THEY ARE HIS He Holds everything in His Hands

- 4 ***In his hand*** are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains **are his** also.
- 5 **The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

What Moves Us from Raucous Praise to Worship and Bowing Down?

We realize that He is not only creator of the Universe - He IS OUR MAKER

- 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, ***our Maker!***

He is not only a Great GOD and King above all gods HE IS OUR GOD

- 7 For he is ***our God***,

We realize the same hands that hold all of creation - are the hands of a shepherd

- and we are the people of his pasture, and ***the sheep of his hand.***

This worship moves us to obedience

- **Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts**, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
 - **TODAY** Urgency of responding quickly - **don't wait until tomorrow**
 - **YOU hear His voice** - worship & praise may be corporate, but you OWN YOUR OBEDIENCE
 - **HEART** - The hardening of a heart takes place because of lack of obedience
 - **EXAMPLE** Learn from example of others - Massah and Meribah - questioning of God's presence and provision
- 9 when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
 - They saw God's work but doubted, didn't believe, "is God with us?"
 - Our christian life can morph into all that GOD DIDN'T DO rather than WHO HE IS
 - Worship and Praise can help with that perspective
- 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."
 - Going astray is a HEART ISSUE, It is NOT KNOWING HIS WAYS

Our praise acknowledges His greatness, Our worship the personal relationship, Obedience flows from that Humble ourselves to praise, to worship and maintain a responsive heart, quick to obey, avoiding hard heart