



## **“You Were Made for This” Psalm 95**

Everyone is made to worship. It is what we do and who we are. The world is NOT divided into people who worship and people who don't worship. It is divided into people who worship created things and those who worship the Creator (Rom 1:25). You were created by God, for God, to give glory to God. “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him!” – John Piper

### **What Does it Mean to Worship God?**

It is ascribing ultimate worth to God in such a way that it engages and energizes your whole person (Mind/Emotions/Will). — T. Keller

- Focusing my Attention on God (Mind). vv1, 3, 6 “LORD”, v1 rock of or salvation, v3 Great God & King... vv4-6 Creator, v7 Shepherd
- Expressing my Affection to God (Emotions). vv1, 2, joyful noise, v2 thanksgiving, v8 do not harden your hearts, v10 they are a people who go astray in their hearts
- Living my Actions (Life) for God (Will). vv1, 2, Make a joyful noise, v1 Sing, v6 bow down, kneel before the LORD; Ps3:3 Lifting up our head, 28:2 Lifting up our hands, 30:11 Dancing, 96:8 Offerings, 110:2 Serving; 1Cor10:31

### **Why Should We Worship God?** Because...

- If I don't worship the true and living God, I will worship a counterfeit god. v3; Ex20:3
- Only the true and living God can satisfy the deepest longing of our soul. vv6-7; Ps23; John 4:13-14
- It will protect my heart from being hijacked by lessor loves. vv7, 10, 11; Rom1:25; Ps51:12; Jer2:13

## **How Can We Grow in Our Worship of God?**

Four indispensable habits of the heart:

- ✓ Get plugged-in to a healthy church (Community). vv1, 2, 6 “Let us” 6xs; v7 Our & we; Heb3:12-13, 10:24-25
- ✓ Get to know God through His Word (Truth). vv6-11 (Numbers 14:1-44); John 4:23-24 Worship God in Truth
- ✓ Don't just expect God's presence but seek His presence (Holy Spirit). v2 come into His presence... John 4:23-24 Worship God in Spirit; Ps105:4
- ✓ Get good at transferring your ultimate worship from created things to the Creator (Gospel Rest). vv7-11; Heb3 &4

### **Growing Notes**

**1)** What comes to mind when you think of worship? The world is not divided into people who worship and people who don't worship. It is divided into people who worship created things and those who worship the Creator (Rom 1:25). Explain.

**2)** Read Psalms 95:1-11. What does the passage say (Observation)? What is the Psalmist inviting us to do? Enumerate the aspects of God that make Him praiseworthy? How is this Psalm a “How To” guide to worship? What is the severe warning at the end of the Psalm (vv8-11)?

**3)** What does the passage mean (Interpretation)? How would you define worship? How does this text show that worship of God should involve our whole person? Why is that important (Matt15:8-9)? How does the warning at the end of the Psalm relate to worship? What are the three reasons for why we should worship God?

**4)** What are you going to do about what this passage says (Application)? What are the four habits of the heart to help you grow in your worship of God? Why are each of these important? Why is the finished work of Christ on the Cross (Sabbath rest) so important to our worship (Heb4:1-13)? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.