

Sunday Night Message

July 5, 2015

Psalm 95

Series – The Psalms

Text – Psalm 95

Introduction

The first part of this psalm is very similar to Psalm 100.

The latter part of this psalm was quoted by the writer to the Hebrews in 3:7 – 4:13.

It is believed that this psalm may have been written as part of the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles, which remembers Israel's wilderness wanderings.

I Praise the Lord For What He Has Done (vs. 1 – 5)

"O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." (Psalm 95:1)

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." (Psalm 95:2)

"For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods." (Psalm 95:3)

"In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also." (Psalm 95:4)

"The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land." (Psalm 95:5)

Notice all of the ways that we as God's people can express our praise to God – singing, joyful noise, thanksgiving, and psalms.

Notice that praise is connected to what God has done.

Make a list of the wonderful things that God has done.

II Worship The Lord For Who He Is (vs. 6 – 7)

The word worship literally means to bow down or to stoop. We bow down to Him because we recognize that He is God, and that we are merely human

*"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker."
(Psalm 95:6)*

*"For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his
hand. To day if ye will hear his voice," (Psalm 95:7)*

III Believe the Lord and Obey Him (vs. 7 - 11)

*"Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in
the wilderness:" (Psalm 95:8)*

"When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work." (Psalm 95:9)

*"Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that
do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:" (Psalm 95:10)*

*"Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest."
(Psalm 95:11)*

See Exodus 17:1 - 7 and Numbers 13 - 14

The children of Israel did not believe that God could provide for them nor protect them as they journeyed into the Land of Promise. As a result, they lost their ticket into the Promised Land and were forced to wander in a miserable desert for the rest of their shortened lives.

Notice the rest mentioned here in v. 11 - it represents the Spirit filled Christian life. Many Christians are content to wander in a spiritual wilderness of carnal living, when they could experience the joy and peace of living a life that is controlled by and yielded to the Spirit of God.