

Psalm 95, A Call to Worship and Obedience, Bible Study Outline

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1. Introductory Notes
 - a. No introductory header
 - b. Authorship, David, Hebrews 4:7 quoting Psalm 95:7-8
 - c. Psalm 95-100 a group within Book Four of the Psalms (90-106)
2. A Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-5)
 - a. 95:1, “let us sing” congregationally and “joyfully”
 - b. “Rock of our salvation” (Cf. Exodus 17:6-7; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4)
 - c. 95:2, “thanksgiving...with Psalms” (Cf. Psalm 100:1-5; Ephesians 5:19)
 - d. 95:3, one God, omnipotent, sovereign, Note: worship involves humble submission to God as King,
 - e. 95:4-5, because as Creator, He has divine ownership, doctrine of analogy (patent law)
3. A Call to Obedience (Psalm 95:6-11)
 - a. 95:6, “bow...kneel”, posture of the body not so important as posture of the heart (Cf. Proverbs 4:23), heart of worship leads to a life of holy obedience (which is itself an act of worship, 1 Peter 1:13-16)
 - b. 95:7, “His pasture...the sheep”, true of Israel (Ezekiel 34:11-16) and the church (John 10:14-16), one Shepherd having two folds, though there be difference in dispensation there is equally glorious inheritance
 - c. “Today”, for tomorrow is not promised, “hear” with the ears and the spirit
 - d. 95:8, “rebellion” (Meribah, tempted), “trial” (Massah, contention), Cf. Exodus 17:7; Numbers 20:13
 - e. 95:9, Apply, Why do we test God who has so displayed His power in our lives?
 - f. 95:10, “forty years” of wilderness wanderings, narrated in the Book of Numbers

- g. 95:11, exclusion from the promised land was the consequence for persistent rebellion (Deuteronomy 1:34-35), May we not grieve the Spirit to the divine breaking point (Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19)
4. New Testament Application (Hebrews 3:7-4:11)
- a. 3:7-11 quotes Psalm 95:7-11
 - b. 3:12-15, beware of unbelief, seek the heart Physician (Cf. Ezekiel 36:26), exhort daily, promise to believers, warning to make-believers
 - c. 3:16-19, unbelief leads to exclusion from divine blessing and rest (Note context, Book of Hebrews, Jews are called to belief in Yeshua as Messiah for salvation)
 - d. 4:1-3, we enter into God's rest by faith (Cf. Romans 9:16), believing God's Word
 - e. 4:3 quotes Psalm 95:11
 - f. Note, God operates in time, but His perspective transcends time
 - g. 4:4-5, God always provided for a rest, Cf. Genesis 2:2; Psalm 95:11, the Old Testament Sabbath teaches us this truth, instructive but not binding in the NT (Romans 14:5-6)
 - h. 4:6, "first preached" to the Jews (Romans 1:16)
 - i. 4:7, the spiritual Sabbath is "Today", Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath, Matthew 11:28, 12:8
 - j. 4:8, physical rest a typical illustration of spiritual rest
 - k. 4:9-10, Cf. Genesis 2:2; John 19:30; Revelation 14:12-13
 - l. 4:11, let us heed the warning from history, as recorded in Scripture