**A CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Psalms 95:1-7**

[**1**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-1/)**O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.** [**2**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-2/)**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.** [**3**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-3/)**For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.** [**4**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-4/)**In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.** [**5**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-5/)**The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*.** [**6**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-6/)**O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.** [**7**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-7/)**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,**

**INTRO:**

**Illustration: One Sunday Thomas Beecher stood to preach in the absence of his brother, Henry Beecher, who was a well-known preacher. As soon as Preacher Thomas Beecher appeared behind the pulpit, some people got up and walked out simply because his brother Henry was not preaching that day.**

 **Thomas then made this announcement, “All those who came to worship my brother, Henry Beecher, may withdraw from the church; all who came to worship God may remain.”**

 **I thank God for godly preachers and Christ followers, but only God is worthy of our devotion and our worship.**

**\*\*Sophisticated churches used to put the order of service in the Sunday morning bulletin, and one of the items listed was entitled: Call to Worship.**

**\*\*In our text the psalmist is giving an invitation – not just any invitation, but it is an invitation or a call to God’s people to come and worship the Lord!**

**\*\*We sure do need that call to go out to God’s people in this day that we live in! So many churches and people no longer worship Him!**

**\*\*Distractions has caused us to stop worshiping God as we should – such as: Personalities, Programs, People, Power, Playtime, Pride, Politics, Problems, and mostly the Pollutions of the world.**

**\*\*Guess what though? God is still calling us to lay aside all those heavy weights and answer His call to worship Him!**

**1. Our Assembly must be in Unity!**

 **a. We assemble because it’s Scriptural.**

 **b. We assemble because it’s Sacred.**

**2. Our Ambition must be in Unity!**

 **a. I’m determined to Praise Him.**

 **b. I’m determined to Please Him.**

**3. Our Attraction must be in Unity!**

 **a. I’m attracted to the Savior.**

 **b. I’m attracted to the Spirit.**

**4. Our Association must be in Unity!**

 **a. We are connected through the same Blood.**

 **b. We are connected through the same Beliefs.**

 **c. We are connected through the same Bible.**

**5. Our Attitudes must be in Unity!**

 **a. Our attitude must be Holy.**

 **b. Our attitude must be Humble.**

**\*\*A stinky attitude smells up the whole sanctuary, and people will not stay around a place or people who stink!**

**\*\*Now let us hear the details of this Call to Worship.**

**I. WE ARE CALLED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM**

**Psalms 95:1 [1](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-1/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Psalms%2095%3A1)O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.**

**\*\* “O come,” is the announcement, and “let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation,” is the action.**

**\*\*This acknowledgement and action requires . . .**

 **A. The Right Method to Acknowledge Him**

**V-1b let us sing unto the LORD:**

 **1. We are to sing so we can Praise the Lord.**

 **2. We are to sing so we can Please the Lord.**

**\*\*Singing involves two tools from an individual. Use your Voice and use your Vocabulary to praise God and to please God! We all can do that!**

 **B. The Right Mindset to Acknowledge Him**

**V-1c let us make a joyful noise**

**\*\*The word “noise” is associated with the word “shout.”**

**\*\*Your mindset is your attitude and approach.**

 **1. You cannot shout until your mentality is joyful!**

 **2. You cannot shout until your mood is joyful!**

**\*\*That means before you come to worship, you better make sure you have a joyful attitude, a joyful approach, a joyful mentality, and a joyful mood!**

**\*\*By the way, if your singing and shouting to the Lord at the church house is real, then your singing and shouting to the Lord at your house will be real!**

 **C. The Right Motives to Acknowledge Him**

**\*\*We joyfully sing and shout “to the rock of our salvation.”**

 **1. Our motive is to Lift Him who is our stone!**

 **2. Our motive is to Love Him who is our salvation!**

**\*\*Answer the call to acknowledge Him and to worship.**

**II. WE ARE CALLED TO APPROACH HIM**

**Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace . . .**

[**Jeremiah 29:13**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Jeremiah-29-13/)**- And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.**

**Illustration: Bryson (age 6) want to ask me for some money the other day to buy some books. His mother told him to go ahead and ask, but he said he was afraid to ask me. I told him that he never has to be afraid to approach me. We never have to be afraid to approach the Lord with our prayers or with our praise.**

**\*\*If you will seek Him to worship, you will find Him to worship when you search for Him with all your heart.**

 **A. Approach Him in an Unrestrained Way**

 **1. Approach Him Gratefully**

**V-2a Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,**

 **2. Approach Him Gladly**

**V-2b and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.**

**\*\*When the atmosphere is right in the church, you can approach the Lord without any weights or worries to hinder you.**

 **B. Approach Him in an Understanding Way**

 **1. Understand His Majesty When Approaching Him**

**V-3 [3](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-3/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Psalms%2095%3A3)For the LORD *is* a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

**a. He is in Control. b. He is in Charge.**

 **2. Understand His Might When Approaching Him**

**V-4 & V-5 [4](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-4/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Psalms%2095%3A4)In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills *is* his also.** [**5**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-5/)**The sea *is* his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry *land*.**

**\*\*Answer the call to approach Him and to worship.**

**III. WE ARE CALLED TO ADORE HIM**

 **A. Let Us Adore Him Instinctively**

**V-6 [6](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-6/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Psalms%2095%3A6)O come, (the invitation again) let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

 **1. Bowing and kneeling to worship should be Natural**

 **a. Without being pressed to do so.**

 **b. Without being petitioned to do so.**

 **2. Bowing and kneeling to worship should be Normal**

 **a. It’s normal for those who are Spirit-filled.**

 **b. It’s normal for those who are Sanctified.**

 **B. Let Us Adore Him Intelligently**

**V-7a [7](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-95-7/%22%20%5Co%20%22View%20more%20info%20for%20Psalms%2095%3A7)For he *is* our God; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

 **1. Concerning the Savior we worship by offering adoration.**

 **2. Concerning the Sheep we worship by offering appreciation.**

 **C. Let Us Adore Him Instantly**

**V-7b To day if ye will hear his voice,**

**\*\*God wants us to adore and worship Him today!**

 **1. It’s certain that His Scripture tells us to worship Him today – right now!**

 **2. It’s clear that His Speech tells us to worship Him today – right now!**

**\*\*Answer the call to adore and to worship.**

**CLOSE**

**1. Any church that does not make worshiping the Lord a priority, a precedence, nor a preference over everything else, then that church is full of Carnal Church People instead of a church full of Christ-like Christian People.**

**2. Preparations, Programs, Parties, Powwows, and Parliaments must come second to Praising the Lord!**

**3. When praising Jesus and preaching Jesus is no longer the reason we go to church, we better throw the preparations, programs, parties, powwows, and parliaments out the window and return to our first love and worship Him again!**

**4. After the Psalmist gave this invitation for God’s people to come and worship God, he made his final appeal and said in Psalms 95:8, “Harden not your heart . . .”**

**5. Is that not the real problem in so many churches today? Church people have become carnal, cold, and callous with hearts that are like hardened stones. It is no wonder why we do not see people worship the Lord like they used to worship and are supposed to worship.**

**\*\*Will you allow God to take your heart and tenderize it so that you can worship Him today?**

**\*\*Will you come and ask God to give you a heart that is filled with the Holy Spirit that overflows with worship to the Lord?**

**\*\*Has God spoken to you? Will you just come and bow and worship Him? Seek Him to worship and you will find Him to worship!**

**\*\*Have you allowed other things in life to take over which has kept you from worshiping God as you ought to do?**

**\*\*If you have not worshiped Him lately, then worship today.**