

# Psalm 95

**Psalms 95-100 are Psalms with a common theme, a joyous adoration of Yahweh as the supreme Ruler of His creation as well as the covenant God of Israel.**

**Psalms 95:1-3** [New King James] *“Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods.”*

**Praise and thanksgiving proceed from the fact that God has saved us, and in doing so has shown Himself to be the supreme God and world Ruler.**

There is **only** one God, but humans do find and follow other objects of worship, and in this sense there are other “gods.”

**Psalms 95:4-5** [New King James] *“In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.”*

**The facts of physical creation all around us are visual proof of the power of our Creator God, [Romans 1:20].**

**Psalms 95:6-7** [New King James] *“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:”*

Worship in a prostrate position of utter dedication arises from meditating on God’s special care of His own people, bringing them into being, as their Maker, superintending the course of their history as their Shepherd.

**Originally this was speaking of Israel, but now it can be applied to all true Christians.**

**Psalms 95:8-10** [New King James] *“Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, when your fathers tested Me; they tried Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, and said, ‘It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and they do not know My ways.’”*

This doubting, rebellious heart and mind needs continual watching, for it led the wilderness generation of Israel to doubt God’s ability [**Exodus 17:1-7**] to forget the evidence of His work as their Saviour from the slavery of Egypt, a type of sin.

**Psalms 95:11** [New King James] *“So I swore in My wrath, ‘They shall not enter My rest.’”*

The result was for that generation to forfeit the Promised Land, [**Numbers 14:21-21; Deuteronomy 1:34-39**].

**We must not take the above as past history of a nation called Israel, it is a warning for every human in every generation, our promised land is eternal life.**

The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews warns us to be sure that we are still on the path that leads to our rest, promised land, eternal life.

**Hebrews 4:11-16** [New King James] *“Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **And there is no creature hidden***

*from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathise with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*

**The Greek word translated "rest" is "katapausis" meaning final abode.**

**Salvation is not to be taken for granted as the above scripture tells us to be diligent, make every effort, living in harmony with the will of our Creator God and submitting to Him at all times. Accepting the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as a substitute for our own deserved death is **only** the first step.**

**This act of faith must out of gratitude cause every part of our life to change.**

**Romans 12:1** [NIV] *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship."*

The Greek word translated "bodies" is "soma" meaning our whole life, physical body, mind and human spirit, [**Job 32:8; 1 Corinthians 2:11**].

The sacrifice referred to was totally burnt up on the altar.

**It is only after this change of direction and approach to our life that the Holy Spirit can begin to re-educate us, [Romans 12:2].**

**This is a decision each of us has to take as an individual, [Luke 14:26-27, 33].**