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Psalm 95

1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. 5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. 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,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. 10 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:

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Introduction:

- 1. This Psalm continues the theme of the LORD's sovereignty.
- 2. Heb. 4:7 may indicate that David wrote this or the reference to David stands for the entire book of Psalms.

Outline:

- A. The Exaltation of the LORD (vv.1-5)
 - 1) The Invitation (vv.1-2)
 - 2) The Reason (v.3-5)
- B. The Exaltation of the LORD (vv.6-11)
 - 1) The Reason (vv.6-7)
 - 2) The Invitation (v.7-11) w/ warning.

Observations:

- 1. The Psalm calls people to recognize God and submit to what He wants.
- 2. The Lord Jesus (as Messiah) called His people (Israel) to rest they refused.
- 3. Everyone has the opportunity to listen and respond by faith. All who do not repent and believe shall not enter into God's rest.

Lesson: Respond to the Call of Faith

Psalm 96

- 1 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. 3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.
- 4 For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. 6 Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. 8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. 9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice 13 Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Introduction:

- 1. This Psalm mirrors much of what David said and did in 1 Chr. 16:7, 23, 24. Therefore this hints of David authorship.
- 2. This Psalms looks beyond a national scene unto a global scene.

Outline:

- A. The LORD's Universal Reign (vv.1-2)
 - B. The LORD is the Majestic Maker (vv. 4-6)
- A. The LORD's Universal Reign (vv.7-9)
 - B. The LORD is the Coming Judge (vv.10-13)

Observations:

- 1. The "gods" refer to idols used in false worship.
- 2. All of Creation is called to worship their Creator. We have a duty in v.3.
- 3. God governs the world wisely.
- 4. All of Creation will rejoice when God judges in righteousness.

<u>Lesson</u>: The LORD will judge the world in righteousness.