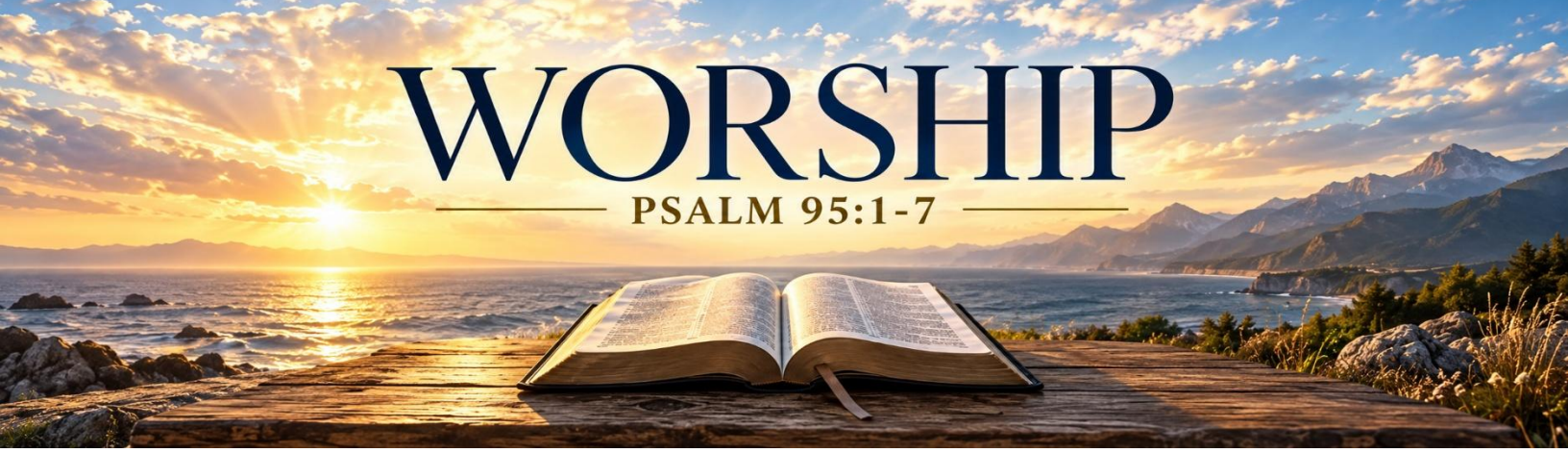


WORSHIP

PSALM 95:1-7



Read Psalm 95:1–7

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.”

Worship is more than something we do during a church service. It is our response to who God is, what He has done, and who we are in relationship to Him. Psalm 95 invites us to worship with joy and thanksgiving, but it also calls us to bow humbly, listen carefully, and respond obediently to the voice of God.

As you study Psalm 95:1–7, consider not only **whether** you worship, but **who, what, why, where, and how** God is calling you to worship.

1. WHO Are We to Worship?

Psalm 95:3–5

“For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.”

We worship the Lord because He is the Great King.

Our worship begins with recognizing **who God is**. He is not simply one among many. He is the **great God and the great King**. Everything belongs to Him because everything was created by Him.

The highest mountain and the deepest place on earth are both in His hands. The sea belongs to Him because He made it. When we recognize the greatness, authority, and power of God, worship becomes our natural response.

Reflect:

1. What does calling God your **Great King** mean to you personally?
2. Is there an area of your life that you have difficulty placing under God’s authority?
3. How does remembering that everything belongs to God affect the way you worship Him?



2. WHAT Are We to Do?

Psalm 95:1–2

“Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.”

We are to express our worship through praise and thanksgiving.

Worship is an inward response that also finds outward expression. The psalmist calls God’s people to **come, sing, shout, give thanks, and praise.**

Notice that worship is not passive. We are invited to participate.

Thanksgiving also reminds us that worship should not be based only on what we want God to do next. Worship remembers what He has already done. When we intentionally recall God’s goodness, faithfulness, provision, protection, and salvation, thanksgiving becomes praise.

Reflect:

1. What has God done recently that gives you a reason to praise Him?
2. Do you find it easier to ask God for something or to thank Him for what He has already done?
3. What expression of worship—singing, thanksgiving, praise, testimony, prayer—comes most naturally to you?



3. WHY Do We Worship Him?

Psalm 95:6–7

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care.”

We worship Him because He is our Maker, He is our God, and we are His people.

Worship is rooted in **relationship**.

He is not only **the God**—He is **our God**.

And we are His people.

The imagery of a shepherd and flock reminds us that we belong to a God who knows us, leads us, protects us, provides for us, and cares for us. We worship because the One who created us has also chosen to care for us.

Worship says, **“I belong to You.”**

Reflect:

1. What difference does it make to know that you belong to God?
2. Where have you experienced God’s care in your life?
3. Is there something you need to surrender to the care of your Shepherd?



4. WHERE Do We Worship?

Psalm 95:6

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.”

We worship wherever we are.

Worship certainly happens when God’s people gather together, but it does not begin or end at the church doors.

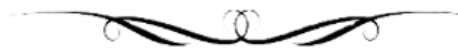
Wherever we recognize God’s presence, we can worship.

We can worship at home, at work, in the car, during a walk, in times of celebration, and even in difficult seasons. Worship is not dependent upon a building, a choir, a worship leader, or a particular song.

A heart surrendered to God can become a place of worship anywhere.

Reflect:

1. Where do you worship:
 - a. Have you unintentionally limited worship to Sunday morning? If so, why?
 - b. Or have you stopped worshipping in God’s house with His people? If so, why?
2. Where could you intentionally create space for worship during your week?
3. What would change if you began seeing ordinary moments as opportunities to worship God?



5. HOW Do We Worship?

Psalm 95:1, 6–7

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.” “Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.”

We worship with joy, thanksgiving, praise, humility, reverence, and obedience.

Psalm 95 begins with joyful singing and shouting, but then the posture changes:

Sing. Shout. Give thanks. Bow down. Kneel. Listen.

True worship involves both **celebration and surrender**.

We may be comfortable telling God how we want to worship Him, but worship also requires us to hear what God desires from us.

The closing words of verse 7 give us an important reminder:

“Today, if only you would hear His voice...”

Worship is not only speaking to God. **Worship includes listening to God.**

Sometimes our greatest act of worship is not another song, another prayer, or another word. Sometimes worship is becoming quiet enough to hear God—and obedient enough to respond.

Reflect:

1. When you worship, how much time do you spend speaking compared with listening?
2. What distractions make it difficult for you to hear God’s voice?
3. Has God been speaking to you about something that requires obedience?



DISCIPLINE: Begin with silence

Each day this week, **begin your worship in silence.**

Before you speak, sing, pray, or lift your hands, pause.

Be still before God.

Listen.

Instead of beginning by telling God what you are going to do in worship, invite Him to lead you. Ask Him to reveal what He desires from you.

Pray:

“Lord, I am listening. Show me how You desire to be worshiped today.”

Then remain quiet for a few moments.

Pay attention to what God may bring to your heart through His Word and His Spirit. He may lead you toward praise, thanksgiving, confession, surrender, obedience, or simply resting in His presence.

The goal is not merely to become silent. The goal is to develop a heart that is **ready to hear and willing to obey.**

“...if only you would hear His voice.” — Psalm 95:7

Closing Reflection:

Worship begins with knowing **WHO** God is.

It expresses **WHAT** we are called to do.

It reminds us **WHY** He is worthy.

It can happen **WHEREVER** we are.

And it teaches us **HOW** to respond—with joy, thanksgiving, humility, reverence, listening, and obedience.

This week, don't only ask:

“How will I worship God?”

Ask:

“Lord, how do You desire for me to worship You?”

Then listen.

Prayer:

Lord,

Thank You for being our Maker, our God, and our everything. Help us to keep You first in our hearts and minds and never take Your goodness for granted.

Teach us to worship You not only with our lips, but with our lives. May our words, choices, attitudes, and actions bring You honor and glory. Help us to hear Your voice and respond with obedient hearts.

May our lives continually reflect our love and gratitude for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.