

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS NINETY-FIVE

Scripture: Psalm 95:1-11

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### Introduction:

- A. This Psalm is not addressed to anyone in particular; nor is the human author named.
  - B. Its messages seem to be directed to all of God's creation—calling upon it to recognize your Creator and give Him the honor He deserves.
- I. LEARN THAT THERE IS A UNIVERSAL CALL TO WORSHIP THE LORD GOD. vs. 1,2,6
- A. Come —You come whoever you are.
    - 1. Let us sing unto the Lord.
    - 2. Let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our salvation —The Lord Jehovah— Jesus Christ.
    - 3. Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving.
  - B. Come —You come whoever you are.
    - 1. Let us worship — respect — honor — pay homage to the Lord God.
    - 2. Let us bow down before Him.
    - 3. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- II. LEARN WHAT ARE THE REASONS GIVEN FOR MAKING THE CALL TO WORSHIP THE LORD. vs. 3-6
- A. He is our Maker — our Creator. v.6
  - B. He is Lord and King — Master and Ruler of the universe and all that is in it. v.3
  - C. Because of His greatness. vs.3-5
    - 1. He is great above all gods (no gods) v.3
    - 2. All nature is in His hands. vs.4,5
  - D. Because of who we are. vs.6,7
    - 1. We are His creatures.
    - 2. We are His people of His pasture.
    - 3. We are His sheep of His hands.
- III. LEARN THAT WORSHIP IS A CHOICE OF THE HEART. vs.8-10
- A. Worship means to respect — to honor — to obey.
  - B. God created man with a mind with which to think, reason and make his own choices. God leaves the choices of life to the individual.
  - C. In this life, God will not force anyone to worship Him.
  - D. God reveals Himself to man — He makes known His will for man; BUT He leaves each person to choose or reject God's will in his life.
  - E. We can harden our hearts against God's will as Israel did. v.8
  - F. We can err in our heart's choices as Israel did. v.10
    - 1. Tempt and prove are not terms of respect and honor.
    - 2. These are terms of doubt.
      - a. God, can you do what you promised?
      - b. God, can you be trusted?
  - G. OR we can with humility:
    - 1. Bow before God..
    - 2. Ask, "God, what would you have me to do?"
    - 3. Then spend our lives doing the best we can to fulfill His will in our lives.

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### IV. LEARN THAT WE WILL FINALLY ANSWER TO GOD FOR THE CHOICES OF THE HEART. v.11

- A. Those who choose to ignore God and His commands to repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ will be cast into hell. Rev. 20:11-15
- B. Those of His saints who choose to ignore the will of God in their lives shall in that great day of the Lord answer His call to judgment and find their life's works destroyed and themselves left with no rewards. II Cor. 5:10; I Cor. 3:11-15; Phil. 2:9-11
- C. Those of His saints who choose to worship and serve Him shall have an abundant entrance into God's everlasting kingdom. II Peter 1:11; !! Tim. 4:6-8

### CONCLUSION:

- A. God is longsuffering...He patiently endures being ignored...being charged by His own people with failing to care for them.
- B. But there will come an end to His patience and He will deal with every human being on the basis of the choices he has made in life.