

GIVE AND TAKE

Psalm 95

Tonight we will consider the give and take of responding to God.

I. GIVE TIME FOR EXALTATION (1-7a)

A. COME AND SING (1-5)

1. The Record (1a)
 - a. O Come: A command
 - b. Let us: This is corporate participation, something we do together
2. The Response (1b-2)
 - a. Sing for joy to the Lord (1a)
 - b. Shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation (1b)
 - c. Come with thanksgiving (2) See Psalm 100
3. The Reasons (3-5)
 - a. His Kingship (3)
 - Power and prominence over all gods (See Psalm 96:4-6)
 - b. His Control (4)
 - Position: He has the whole world in His hands!
 - c. His Creation (5)
 - Possession: He made and formed it all!
4. A Response: "How Great Thou Art" # 147

B. COME AND WORSHIP (6-7)

1. The Record (6a)
 - a. Come: A command
 - b. Let us: All are welcomed, come along with me ...
2. The Response (6b)
 - a. Worship: Declaration - Telling God's worth
 - b. Bow: Acknowledgement - Showing deference
 - c. Kneel: Humiliation - Showing submission
3. The Reasons (6b-7)
 - a. He is our Maker (6b)
 - b. He is our God (7a)
 - c. He is our Shepherd (7b)
4. A Response: "As the Deer" # 548

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II. TAKE TIME FOR EXAMINATION (7b-11)

A. TAKE INVENTORY: How am I responding to God? (7b-9)

1. Do I hear? (7b)
 - a. Whose voice? - To whom do we tune in?
 - b. How often? - Today is the recommended duty
2. Do I yield? (8a)
 - a. How is my heart?
 - b. Am I a rebel?
3. Do I question God? (8b-9a)
 - a. Why did you bring us out here? (Ex. 17:3)
 - b. Do we have a mistrust of God > When we don't trust we question
 - c. Testing: Questioning God's character > Is He good or bad?
 - d. Trying: Questioning God's credentials > Is He approved or disapproved?
- Judging God by man's standards!
4. Do I ignore God's work? (9b)
 - a. The people in Exodus had seen the plagues, the Red Sea crossing, the manna and quail and yet they complained.
 - b. Do we demonstrate a selfish discontent?
 - c. Is there an obstinate ingratitude?
5. We need passionate obedience!

B. TAKE NOTE: God has emotions! (10-11)

1. God can loath (10) > The word means to be disgusted or nauseated
 - a. Reality: He has been abundantly provoked though patiently kind
 - b. Reasons: They err in their heart and do not know His ways
2. God can be angry (v.11) > Nostrils affected and snorting ...
 - a. No blessing on those who grieved Him
 - b. There is no comforting insulation from the intended sting of discipline
 - c. If miracles and manna did not satisfy them, neither will milk and honey
 - d. God passively allowed them to pass away rather than aggressively take their lives though the results were the same – no entering into His rest.
 - e. Disobedience has consequences.

CONCLUSION:

How do we respond to God?

1. Do we give time for exaltation?
2. Do we take time for examination?

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