



## THE LORD GIVES JOY AND JUDGMENT

*Psalm 95-96*

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### **Let Us Sing Songs of Praise — Psalm 95**

*“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! **2** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! **3** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. **4** In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. **5** The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. **6** Oh 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. Today, if you hear his voice, **8** do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, **9** when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. **10** For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” **11** Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”*

### **Worship in the Splendor of Holiness — Psalm 96**

*“Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! **2** Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. **3** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! **4** For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. **5** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. **6** Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. **7** Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! **8** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! **9** Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**10** Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.” **11** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; **12** let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy **13** before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.”*

### **1. The Lord is the ROCK of Our Salvation (v 95:1, 96:1-2)**

*“And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” **Revelation 5:9***

- Genuine praise includes a TESTIMONY to others of God's plan of REDEMPTION. (v 96:2)

## 2. The Lord is the KING Above All gods (v 95:3, 96:3-6)

Reasons to Praise God:

- God's Acts of CREATION
- God's Acts of REDEMPTION

*“And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed those who were to sing to the Lord and praise him in holy attire, as they went before the army, and say, “Give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever.”* **2 Chronicles 20:21**

## 3. COMPLAINING Demonstrates DOUBT and Lack of Faith in the Lord. (v 95:8-10)

*“Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?”* **3** *But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”* **Exodus 17:2-3**

**6** *“Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. **7** And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”* **Exodus 17:6-7**

*“And the glory of the Lord appeared to them, **7** and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **8** “Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.” **9** And Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as he commanded him.”* **Numbers 20:6-9**

- Their WANDERINGS in the desert were the outworking of STRAYING hearts.

*“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. **13** But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. **15** As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” **16** For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? **17** And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? **18** And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? **19** So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.”*

**4:1** Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. **2** For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. **3** For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. **4** For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." **5** And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest." **6** Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, **7** again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts." **8** For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. **9** So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, **10** for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his." **Hebrews 3:7-4:10**

#### **4. REBELLION Against The Lord Brings JUDGMENT. (v 96:13)**

- Finding REST in the Lord is through a trusting FAITH in the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Salvation through Jesus Christ**

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.