## "THE BOOK OF PSALMS" Book IV (90-106) - Psalm 95 May 19, 2021 A Call To Worship

**Summary:** Psalm 95 is a call to worship the Lord, spoken by a priest during the assembly for worship (Ps 93). There is a suggested nod to David as the writer in (4:7). The psalm is composed of two parts: a call to praise the Lord (vv.1-5); a call to acknowledge by submissive attitude and obedient heart the Lord's Kingship over his people (vv.6-11). Let us kneel down before the Lord our Maker.

## Outline:

- I. Call to worship (vv1-2)
- II. Hymn to the Lord the Creator-King (vv3-5)
- III. Call to Worship (v.6)
- IV. Hymn to the Lord, the God of the Covenant (7a-c)
- V. Response and Reflection on the Lord's Judgement (vv.7d-11)

## **Questions for prayerful reflection:**

- 1. What is your concept of genuine worship? What standards should our hymns and praise choruses meet?
- 2. Worship can become routine and meaningless. How can we keep our private and public worship focused on the Lord and pleasing to Him?
- 3. What attitude should fill our hearts when we "kneel before the Lord our Maker"? Why?
- 4. We used them interchangeably but what is the difference in praise and worship? Define each. Now...how do you practice each?

## Psalm 95 (NKJV) A Call to Worship and Obedience

- 95 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD *is* the great God, And the great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup>In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills *are* His also. <sup>5</sup> The sea *is* His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry *land*.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- <sup>7</sup> For He *i*s our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:
- <sup>8</sup> "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As *in* the day of trial in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. <sup>10</sup> For forty years I was grieved with *that* generation, And said, 'It *is* a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.' <sup>11</sup> So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'"