

Book 1 is chapters 1-41; Book 2 is chapters 42-72; Book 3 is chapters 73-89; Book 4 is chapters 90-106; and book 5 is chapters 107-150. Each of these collections ends with an outburst of praise – an Amen or a Hallelujah.” David Jeremiah.

Anticipated Power Points this week are as follows:

- **Considering the *WHAT* of Meaningful Worship. Psalm 95:1-2**
- **Considering the *WHY* of Meaningful Worship. Psalm 95:3-5**
- **Considering the *WHO* of meaningful Worship. Psalm 95:6-7**

OUTLINE

“Considering the Real Meaningfulness of Worshipping Christ the King”

I. Considering the *WHAT* of Meaningful Worship. Psalm 95:1-2

Meaningful worship, when it is considered, involves being devoted and dedicated to action. *“Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.”* (vs. 1)

“Come,” an invitation to God’s people communally to approach with great enthusiasm the presence of the Lord in a meaningful way. Not with a divided mind, spirit or body, but with all of our being. Psalm 34 states, *“My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.”* Meaningful worship seeks the presence of the “Rock of our Salvation.” In the Old Testament, we attribute that to Jehovah. But when we study the New Testament, we learn that the Rock is Jesus Christ, as we find in I Corinthians 10:4, *“And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.”*

II. Considering the *WHY* of Meaningful Worship. Psalm 95:3-5

Vs. 3 - *“Without controversy, great is the mystery and majesty of godliness”* Paul told us through Timothy. This is why we should praise and worship Him. Note the scriptures: Psalm 95:3, *“For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.”* Psalm 94:4, *“For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.”* Psalm 97:9, *“For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.”* Psalm 135:5, *“For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.”*

Vs. 4-5 – The preachers used to say that “God rules and super rules” the entire universe. Mahalia Jackson made famous the song, “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands.” The 139th Psalm declares in vs. 7-10, *“Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.”* Beloved, without a doubt God’s awesome omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence declares the *WHY* of our meaningful worship.

III. Considering the *WHO* of Meaningful Worship. Psalm 95: 6-7

When one considers the *WHO*, the psalmist offers an invitation to the humble: *“O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.”* There is a specific invitation to who should approach meaningful worship. Only the Lord’s sheep have no problem here. The Bible Exposition Commentary states, “Praise means looking up, but worship means bowing down. Alas, some people who enjoy lifting their hands and shouting do not enjoy bowing their knees and submitting. True worship is much deeper than communal praise, for worship involves realizing the awesomeness of God and experiencing the fear of the Lord and a deeper love for Him.

May we in all our seeking to please God with praise, not forget that reverence towards Him will cause us to have the humblest of hearts and total respect for who He is, that we might be that people who will truly bow down before Him in meaningful worship!

CLOSING

In remembrance of this season and time of the year, we can focus on two groups who visited Jesus Christ as a baby and a child. In Luke 2, the shepherds left all to go and see the baby at the teachings of the angels. And in Matthew 2, the Magi came to a house, finding a young child. There they bowed, worshipped and gave gifts!

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