

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 04 June.....Psalm 1.....The Path
- 2) 11 June.....Psalm 78.....The Past
- 3) 18 June.....Psalm 23.....The Shepherd
- 4) 25 June.....Psalm 138.....Our Response
- 5) 02 July.....Psalm 84.....His Presence
- 6) 09 July.....Psalm 95.....The Creator**
- 7) 16 July.....Psalm 19.....God Revealed
- 8) 23 July.....Psalm 136.....His Love
- 9) 30 July.....Psalm 146.....His Faithfulness
- 10) 06 Aug.....Psalm 51.....The Confession
- 11) 13 Aug.....Psalm 32.....The Cleansing
- 12) 20 Aug.....Psalm 141.....The Protector
- 13) 27 Aug.....Psalm 42.....The Longing

INTRODUCTION

- Before we get too much further into the Psalms, be sure to check out Right Now Media's video introduction to Psalms (next page):
LINK: <https://www.rightnow.org/Training/Post/View/188244>
- Psalm 95 combines a hymn of praise with a warning from God. We need to appropriately worship God and avoid doing it flippantly with wrong motives – i.e., “What’s in it for me!”

Passage	Comments
Psalm 95:1	<p>Our Shouting for Joy Should be LOUD <i>“O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us SHOUT joyfully to the rock of our salvation”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hebrew word for shout <Strong's 07321> suggest noise similar to that in a sports arena when the home team scores, or on the battlefield to rally the troops. It should be loud, continuous, and heard blocks away • In Ezra’s day, the people shouted <07321> God’s praises and goodness with a loud shout and their sound was heard far away..... Ezra 3:13 • Our Pentecostal/Charismatic brothers & sisters put many of us Baptists to shame in this area • What would it take to turn many of us “quiet church mice” into an excited group of worshippers who are proud to loudly proclaim God’s goodness & greatness inside and outside the church walls? • It is one thing to be timid about praising God, but can we go too far with shouting God’s praises? Possibly, when it is for show rather than for honest praise. • Principle to Live by: God wants an orderly house of worship (1Cor 14:40), yet, we are to praise and sing to Him “skillfully with a shout of joy”.....Ps 33:3 - What would we change in our worship to do this?
95:2-5	<p>WHY Should We Shout Joyfully to God? <i>“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. (WHY?) For the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods. In whose hand are the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need any more be said? God owns it all & controls it all
95:6	<p>HOW Else Should We Worship Such a Mighty God? <i>“Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is humility (bowing down by kneeling) important? • Is prostrating ourselves better than kneeling? <p>Consider this. Prostrating (lying flat on the ground) is often a sign of confession of sins (Ezra 10:1) or of total submission (Jesus in the Garden, Mat 26:39), while kneeling seems to convey a readiness to both show humility and to quickly get back up to serve.</p>

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95:7-9	<p>Now Comes the Warning <i>“For He is our God, & we are the people of His pasture & the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers tested Me, they tried Me, though they had seen My work.”</i> [NASB]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The psalmist only mentioned 2 examples of Israel’s disobedience (Meribah & Massah) out of about a dozen of recorded incidences in Exodus, but clearly implied those 2 were symptomatic of a larger failure to faithfully obey and follow Him wholeheartedly • vss 7b-11 are also expounded upon in Heb 3:7-4:13 • How do God’s people harden their hearts today? • Can God’s people have a hard heart toward Him even if they faithfully go to church, tithe, serve, & worship Him with shouts of loud praise? .. Consider Isaiah 29:13
95:10-11	<p>Can We Push God Too Far? <i>“For forty years I loathed that generation, and said they are a people who err in their heart, and they do not know My ways. Therefore, I swore in My anger, Truly, they shall not enter into My rest.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God does have His limits because of horrendous sins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ I will no longer hear their prayersIsaiah 1:15 ♦ I will do them harm and not goodJer 21:10 ♦ I will be their enemy.....Lam 2:5 • How can we tell if a person or even a nation, such as America, have gone too far in failing to honor God?

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- Our lives should demonstrate our worship of Him first through humbled obedience
- ...and do not be afraid of giving God honest and loud praises due His name for His goodness, mercy, lovingkindness, and wonders

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 19. The stary heavens have a very strong message for us earthlings.

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. **PS 95:1**
BUT FIRST...COFFEE !

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[150 Hebrew Poems]

DAVID (73) HEMAN & MIKAN (2)
 ASAPH (12) SOLOMON & MOSES (3)
 SONS OF KORAH (11) ANONYMOUS (47)

MANY WRITTEN FOR CHOIR...
 ...BUT NOT A HYMNBOOK

SEE 1 CHRONICLES 25 & NEHEMIAH 11-22-23

BOOK OF PSALMS

PSALMS

Torah & Messiah Lament & Praise Faith & Hope

PRAISE

- PRAYERS OF JOY & CELEBRATION
- DRAW ATTENTION TO CHRIST'S GOOD IN THE WORLD
- RETELL THE STORY & THANK GOD

GAVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD

LAMENT & PRAISE

BOOK 1

3-41

BOOK 2

42-72

BOOK 3

73-89

BOOK 4

90-106

BOOK 5

107-145

PRAISE & LAMENT

1 **BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO MEDITATES ON THE TORAH**

TEACHING 5 PARTS OF TORAH

PSALMS = A NEW TORAH ABOUT PRAYER

15 **CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS**

16-18 **DAVID'S PAST DELIVERANCE**

ELEVATION AS KING

PSALM 19 **TORAH**

72-71 **HOPE FOR A FUTURE RETURN TO THE TEMPLE IN ZION**

72 **FUTURE REIGN OF THE MESSIANIC KING**

ECHOS THE PROPHECY: ISAIAH 11, 45 & 60; ZECARIAH 9

FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM (PS 72:17 = GEN 12:3 & 22:17)

70 **PROCES**

HAVE MERCY ON YOUR SERVANTS!

97-99 **THE LORD REIGNS AS KING**

"LET THE TREES CLAP, LET THE MOUNTAINS & RIVERS SING"

107-110 **THE MESSIANIC KING**

DEFEATS EVIL & BRINGS GOD'S KINGDOM

113-118 **THE HALLEL**

118 **MESSIANIC KINGDOM**

SUSTAIN HOPE IN A FUTURE EXODUS WHEN GOD REDEEMS HIS PEOPLE

PSALM 119 **TORAH**

"GOD HAS RANDED UP A HORN FOR HIS PEOPLE" (PS 118)

120-136 **THE SONGS OF ASCENTS**

137 **MESSIANIC KINGDOM**

HALLELU - YAH PRAISE YAHWEH

HALLELU - YAH **146** HALLELU - YAH

HALLELU - YAH **147** HALLELU - YAH

HALLELU - YAH **148** HALLELU - YAH

HALLELU - YAH **149** HALLELU - YAH

HALLELU - YAH **150** HALLELU - YAH

PSALMS: THE PRAYERBOOK OF GOD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE TORAH AND WAITING FOR THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

MAY THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL BE BLESSED FOREVER, AMEN AND AMEN