



A Worshipful People

Psalm 95

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V2028 Focus Areas for 2025:

Outreach

Community

Prayer

Phygital
Church

Leadership
Revitalisation

Disciple-
making

1. Call to Worship (Psalm 95.1-7a)

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
- ³ For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.



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- Worship because the LORD is God
- Worship by the whole community
- Worship as a whole person
- Worship involves the heart - gratitude
- Worship involves the body...sing, shout, extol, bow down, kneel.

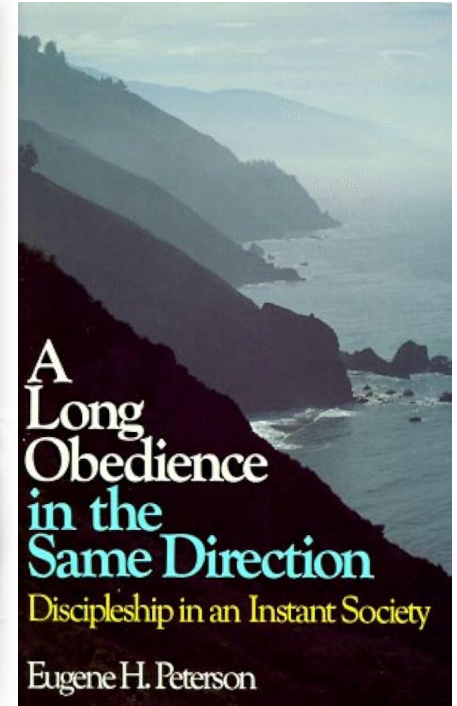
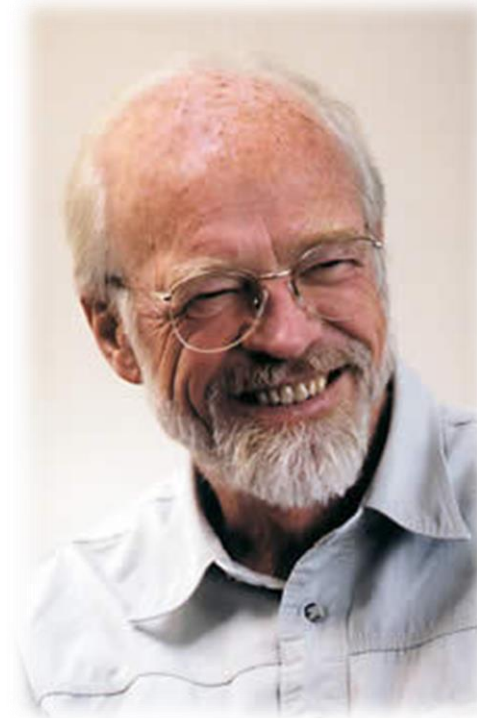
*“The act of bowing, kneeling, or prostrating oneself is designated to be an **outward symbol of an inward attitude** of gratitude, submission, and humility.”*



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“You may not be able to command your heart, but you can command your arms. Lift up your arms in blessing, just maybe your heart will get the message and be lifted up also in praise. We are psychosomatic beings; body and spirit are intricately interrelated. Go through the motions of blessing God and your spirit will pick up the que and follow along.”

(Peterson, Long Obedience, 188)



Implications

Are we a worshipful people?

- **Do we worship with our whole being, together?**



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2. Call to Trust (Ps 95.7b-11)

Today, if (only) you would hear his voice,

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⁹ where your ancestors tested me;

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I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go
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Ex 17.1 The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?” ³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” ...



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⁵ The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah^[testing] and Meribah^[quarrel] because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”



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- **Do we trust God and follow him the whole time?**



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Rom 12.1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your **true and proper worship**.² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Implications

Where do we start? How do we continue?

By the Word & Spirit!

- Common worship?
- Daily devotions?
- Scripture memory?

**** Must flow out into our daily lives!***



Implications

What happened to carrying our cross and bearing the cost of discipleship - suffering and sacrifice for the LORD?

“Come... Let us... for...”

Worship & Trust:

Called to be a Worshipful People!

