

## **A Call to Worship**

### **Psalm 95**

#### **I. Worship Should Be Expressed Through Rejoicing (vss. 1-5)**

1. The *Way* We Should Rejoice (vss. 1-2)
2. *Why* We Should Rejoice (vss. 1, 3-5)

#### **II. Worship Should Be Expressed Through Reverence (vss. 6-7a)**

1. The *Way* We Should Show Reverence (vs. 6)
2. *Why* We Should Show Reverence (vs. 7a)

#### **III. Worship Should Be Expressed Through a Response of Obedience (vss. 7b-11)**

1. We Must Heed His Voice (vs. 7b)
2. We Must Not Harden Our Hearts (vss. 8-11)

In the New Testament, the author of Hebrews quotes from verses 7c-11 a total of five times in chapters 3-4. Here is a summary of his application of the passage to Christians:

- 1) In Hebrews 3:7-11 the author quotes all of Psalm 95:7c-11, and he drives home the point that we must all beware, lest there be in any of us “an evil heart of unbelief” (Heb. 3:12)
- 2) In Hebrews 3:15 the author quotes verses 7c-8a as he explains why we must each “exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today”” (Heb. 3:13).
- 3) In Hebrews 4:3 the author quotes verse 11, and he reminds us that *through faith* we must enter the “rest” that remains for us and that was typified by the rest that Israel was promised in the Land of Canaan (Heb. 4:1-3a).
- 4) In Hebrews 4:5 the author quotes verse 8b as he stresses that we must realize that this “rest” was accomplished for us from the foundation of the world and was symbolized for us by the Sabbath Day (Heb. 4:3b-5).
- 5) In Hebrews 4:7 the author again quotes verses 7c-8a and teaches us that we must realize that the Sabbath rest that we enter is a ceasing from our own works and thus a realization of God's grace (Heb. 4:8-9).