Worshiping God With Our Heart

Ken Chapman · Psalm 95:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- There's always been that danger with God's people. To be frequent in our worship attendance, but to be infrequent in our thoughts about our worship service.
- To truly worship God is not simply to perform the acts, even the acts prescribed by God, but true worship is attained when we perform those acts prescribed by God with the heart and mind engaged in worship to God.
- Across covenants, across centuries, two things about worship are constant.

1 An Intentional Expression of Praise to God

Psalm 95:1–2; Genesis 1; Hebrews 13:15

- Worship, properly offered, worship involves an intentional expression of praise to God.
- Worship cannot be accidentally offered. Worship is something that has to be intentionally offered, and God calls upon his people to do just that.
- Four times in those two short verses, the psalmist says, express your praise to God.
- There is no allowance in Scripture for the worshiper to God to opt out of this form of worship.
- At its heart and its most basic level, worship is not simply an expression of emotion.
- By him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God. That is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name.

2 Why He Is Worthy of Our Worship

Psalm 95:3–7

- We need constant reminders of why God is to be worshipped. Why he is worthy of our worship.
- He's also worthy of our worship because he has redeemed us.
- For the Lord is the great God and the great King above all gods.
- Let us never forget that's why we have come together. Not to be entertained, not to be socialized, but to worship God.
- When God ceases to be the absolute point and emphasis of our worship, what we engage in ceases to be worship.
- We just routinely and mindlessly go through those motions without recognizing those actions as an external intentional expression of praise to God.

3 Recognizing Who God Is Through Humility

Psalm 95:7; Revelation 4; Revelation 5

- How do we properly recognize who God is? We do that through humility.
- For he is our God. We are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

- Worship can only be accomplished when we surrender self to God.
- We recognize Him as our shepherd, and we as His sheep. And we offer ourselves body, mind, and soul in worship to Him.

MY NOTES