

Songs of Summer

Part 1 The MAGNIFICENCE of God Psalm 95

Come with BATTLE CRY joy and thanksgiving vs. 1-5

- God is so ENORMOUSLY grand
 - He is the SUPREME BEING in the universe
vs. 3, 77:13-14, 82:1, 145:3
 - He holds our GLOBE in His hands vs. 4
 - He OWNS both land and sea vs. 5

Come with HUMILITY and SOFTNESS of heart vs. 6-11, 100:3

- God is so INTIMATELY present
 - He is OURS, we are HIS vs. 6-7
 - He warns against HARD heartedness
vs. 8; Exodus 17:2-7
 - He LOATHES being tested vs. 9
 - His REST is geographical and relational vs. 10-11

Life Group Discussion – June 2, 2019

Psalm 95:1-2 *O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

QUICK REVIEW

1. Last Sunday, Chaplain Smith posed the question: “When our time on earth is done, how will you be remembered?” How have you answered the question? What drives you to say this?
2. What does “theology” mean? How does your personal theology affect those around you?
3. Read 2 Timothy 2:14-15. In what ways are we intended to “accurately handle the word of God”?

MY STORY

1. Read Luke 19:37-40. When we sing, especially in Christian community, our hearts express our joy. When we hold back from singing then, can it be said we are suppressing our joy? Our awe of God? Our thankfulness? Why or why not?
2. Worship acknowledges God’s presence. We aren’t just singing into an empty space. How do you think God responds to “worship” that is ritualistic or routine? What can you do to prepare to enter into His presence?
3. Psalm 95:6-7 says that we should bow down and kneel before the Lord. While we may not physically bow down or kneel in our church worship service, our hearts should have these reverent postures. What keeps you from figuratively prostrating yourself before the Lord? (Prostrating yourself is the lowest you can physically get.) Does this make you irreverent?

GOING DEEP

1. Read Psalm 145:3. God’s greatness is unsearchable and therefore His worthiness exceeds the boundaries of the universe itself. With this as context, how is it possible that our God is so SUPREME yet so intimately PERSONAL?
2. What does God mean by the term “hard hearted”? In what ways are we commonly contentious with the Lord? Wasn’t Gideon putting the Lord to the test with the fleece? Explain. (See Exodus 17:1-7; Deuteronomy 6:16 and Judges 6:36-40)
3. Discuss how God’s rest is both geographical and relational.

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?