O Come Let Us Worship!

(Psalm 95:1-7)

Sunday, February 2, 2020

A good football coach puts his players through certain physical exercises and disciplines necessary for developing the skills and physical stamina that will make it possible for them to be a winning team.

In the spiritual realm, there are certain indispensable disciplines that we must subject ourselves to if we would truly be all that God intends. Our text details one discipline necessary for experiencing the abundant life that Jesus came into the world to give. *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."* (John 10:10b NIV)

The invitation to worship that the Psalmist extends is both present and perpetual in its application. To worship is to ascribe praise and honor and glory to God. It is to revere and honor Him with the heart and soul. Genuine worship is a dynamic, transforming experience both for the individual worshipper and for the congregation as they worship together in spirit and in truth. Worship is a personal encounter with God as He reveals Himself to us through scripture, song, sermon, and the praises of God's people. We need to recognize and respond to the psalmist's gracious invitation.

Sunday, February 9, 2020

I. <u>The Call to Worship is a call to recognize and respond to the very Presence</u> of God.

- a. This is a call to conscious awareness of the presence of God.
- b. This is a call to awe, admiration, and adoration of the living God.
- c. This is a call to truly become acquainted with the living God.

Sunday, February 16, 2020

II. <u>The Call to Worship is a call to recognize and respond to the Person of</u> <u>God.</u>

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus is personal and we are to respond to Him personally. This living God is described in the first six verses of Psalm 95.

- a. The Lord is the rock of our salvation. (v.1)
- b. We come before Him with Thanksgiving. (v.2)
- c. The Lord is a great God. (v.3)
- d. This great God is a great King above all Gods. (v.3)
- e. This God is in control of the heights and also of the depths of the earth.
 (v.4)
- f. This God owns both the sea and the dry land because He is the Creator of both. (v.5)
- g. This great God is also our maker. (v.6-7)

This great and good God is personal, and He is Worthy of our awe, reverence, respect, and adoration.

Sunday, February 23, 2020

III. <u>The Call to Worship is a call to recognize and receive the Presents of this</u> <u>Personal God.</u>

When God comes to meet with us, He comes to reveal Himself to us and to give Himself to us.

- a. God reveals Himself in ways that meet the deepest needs of the genuine worshipper.
- b. Worshippers learn something about themselves when they truly worship. They discover that they are more than lost orphans in an empty world. They discover that God loves them and that God is for them.
- c. Worshippers also learn something about others when they worship. Worship is not just an experience in which a person spends some time in meditation. Genuine worship gives a vision of God, a vision of self, and a vision of others.
- d. True worshippers also learn something about the resources of God that are available for life. God does not come to oppress us or to defect us. He comes to impart His gifts to us.

In the English language, the word Worship means, "Worth-ship." It means, the recognition of the one who is of supreme worth. God has revealed Himself and His purposes for us in Jesus Christ. We can trust the God who loves us so much. He was willing to give up His Son for us (Romans 8:32).