

Part 2 – Let Us Worship Our Maker

In part 1 we learned this 95th Psalm is part of the section (chapters 95-100) that is related to the ‘*Rest for the Earth Anticipated*’, and the subject/title of it is thus “*Worship in View of the Rest*”. And the ‘rest’ being spoken of here is *peace* for the earth, including the inhabitants (and nations) of the earth. And, true peace for the world cannot come without the return of the King of kings, who is Jesus Christ. But, internal peace (of mind and heart) also cannot come unless we *truly* worship our Heavenly Father, which comes only when we accept Jesus Christ (God in the flesh). Therefore, this Psalm addresses the worship of the Lord (Yehovah). And the Psalmist gave us several key clues as to just what that (true worship) involves, in the first couple of verses in this great chapter. For he first called us to come and sing unto the Lord (YHVH) and make a joyful noise (shout for joy) to Him (because He’s our Rock and our Savior). And then he called us to come before His presence with thanksgiving and psalms. So, remembering to praise, *and thank*, our Heavenly Father is a *vital part* of *truly* worshiping Him. As Ps 50 also pointed out, our Heavenly Father truly wants our *inward* worship. So, if we *only* sing and praise Him *outwardly* that’s really ‘missing the point’ of what *true* worship really is. And, as Jesus also explained, in John 4:23-24, *true* worship of God means putting *truth* in our spirit (heart and mind). That’s why *true* worship (on a daily basis) also involves studying God’s Word, absorbing it into our heart (desires, emotions, intentions and motivations) and mind (thought process) and then striving to actually *obey it* from the heart. And, when we do this *faithfully* each day, we truly cannot help but give Him praise and thanksgiving each day, if only in our heart and mind (i.e. praying to Him throughout the day) ...

Psalm 95

3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

So, now that the Psalmist has called us to truly worship (praise and thank) our Heavenly Father (i.e. our Rock and Salvation) he now begins to do so himself! So, he’s giving us an *example* of what true worship really is here. And he does so by pointing out that the ‘Lord’ is a *great* God. The word “**Lord**” here is again God’s Sacred (and covenantal) name, **Yehovah** (#3068), which means (the) *self-Existent* or *Eternal*. And the word ‘**great**’ (twice used in this 3rd verse) simply means (in the context of this verse) *great* (in any sense) but it can also mean *older* (#1419), which is quite appropriate, because our Heavenly Father has *always* existed and *always* will (Rev 1:8, 11, 11:18, 16:5, 21:6, 22:13, etc.) which is why His sacred name, Yehovah, means *self-Existent* and *Eternal*. And the word ‘great’ comes from a word that means *to be* (causatively *make*) *large* in various senses - as in *body, mind, estate* or *honor* (#1431). So, *in every good way*, our Heavenly Father truly is *great*! But there’s also a ‘title’ of Yehovah used here too. The word rendered as “**God**” is actually ‘**El**’ (#410) and means *strength* and *mighty*. And, while it can be used of *any* deity, it is also used to refer to *the Almighty God* who is *Omnipotent*. Thus, this ‘title’ (‘El, #410) shows the Lord’s (YHVH’s) *strength, power and might*. ‘El is thus the God

Who *knows all* (first occ. Gen 14:18-22) and *sees all* (Gen 16:13) and that *performeth all things for His people* (Ps 57:2) and in Whom *all the Divine attributes are concentrated*. And that's likely *why* this 'title' is being used here; *because* the Lord's (Yehovah's) attributes (as shown in His name and 'titles') are *much* greater, stronger and mightier than all others who claim to be 'god'.

And then we see another word rendered as '**gods**' here (in Ps 95:3). This word is actually often used as a 'title' for our Heavenly Father (YHVH). It is '**Elohiym**' (#430) (also spelled as '**Elohim**' at times), which means *the Supreme God*, who is our **Creator**. '**Elohiym**' is God the Creator putting His omnipotence ('**El**') *into operation*. It's first occurrence (Gen 1:1) connects it with *creation*, and gives it its essential meaning as *the* Creator. It indicates His relation to mankind as His creatures. However, '**Elohiym**' (#430) is **also** used for **gods in the ordinary sense** and, sometimes, it's even used by way of deference to **magistrates** (judges, rulers on earth). And, the way 'gods' ('**Elohiym**' #430) is being used here in Ps 95:3, it's referring to rulers or judges. That's why this 3rd verse says that the Lord (Yehovah) is a great God (the Almighty God) *above all* 'god's' (i.e. rulers or judges). And, as Ps 113:4 says, *the LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens*. So, our Heavenly Father is also not only high above all rulers and judges in heaven and earth, but He's also high above all others that *claim* to be 'god', even the fallen angels (such as Satan) too. As Ps 96:4-5 says, *the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens*. So, our Heavenly Father is truly the King of kings, God of gods and Lord of lords. And that's because He's our Creator (Gen 1:1; Ezek 18:4; Neh 9:6; Rev 4:11, etc.). And, in Isa 40:15, our Heavenly Father says that, compared to Him, *the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing*. So, our Heavenly Father has no problem managing His children (in heaven or earth) and He thus likened them to a 'drop in a bucket' and a 'speck of dust in the balance' (scales), compared to Him. Further, no one else (in heaven or earth) can 'take up the isles' as thought it was 'a very little thing', yet our Heavenly Father is able to make the earth quake so the islands can literally disappear into the sea and new ones can appear just as quick. And that's because He has *full control* over His creation, which is actually the point the Psalmist goes on to make in the next couple of verses...

Psalms 95

4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The word '**hand**' here does mean *a hand* but it's *the open one* (in distinction from #3709, which is the closed one) and it thus indicates **power**, **means** and **direction** (#3027). And the words '**deep places**' means (by implication) *a recess* (#4278), which refers to the deep recesses (a hidden, secret, or secluded place or part) of the earth, often found in hills, mountains and sometimes even in the valleys. And then the word '**strength**' here means **weariness**, i.e. (by implication) **toil**

(treasure so obtained) or **speed** (#8443) and the word ‘**hills**’ means **a mountain** or **range of hills** (#2022). It’s likely that the word ‘strength’ means ‘to toil’ here because it *takes* toil (work) to get to the top of them! *Moffet* renders this part as “*the mountain-peaks are His*”. So, the Psalmist is simply saying that, from the depth of the valleys to the heights of the mountains, *all* are in the Lord’s (YHVH’s) hand *because* He has **power** over *them all*. Why? Because *He created them*, of course! And *this* is part of how the Psalmist is singing praise to our Heavenly Father; he’s pointing out the power that the Lord (YHVH) our God (the Almighty) has over *all* the earth, no matter how ‘low’ or ‘high’ they are...

Psalm 95

5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

Here again the Psalmist is praising our Heavenly Father; and he’s now doing so by pointing out that He is the ‘great King’ above all gods (rulers and judges, vs 3) *because* He’s created the sea and dry land. As the next chapter will also point out, this (the fact that He’s created all things) is *why* He should be feared (*and* obeyed). For *all the gods of the nations* are simply *idols*; but *the Lord (YHVH) made the heavens* and that’s **why** He should be *greatly praised* (Ps 96:4-5). Now, the word ‘**sea**’ here does mean **a sea** (as breaking in noisy surf) but it can also mean a **large body of water**; specifically (with the article), **the Mediterranean Sea**; and sometimes it can even mean **a large river**, or an **artificial basin** or even refer to the cardinal directions (#3220). And, the word ‘**hand**’ again means **a hand**, but it’s **the open one** (in distinction from #3709, which is the *closed* one); and thus, it also **indicates power, means** and **direction** (#3027). And then the word ‘**formed**’ means **to mould into a form**, especially *as a potter*. And, figuratively, it can even mean to determine (i.e. form a resolution) (#3335). As Gen 1:1 tells us, *in the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth*. But then, Gen 1:2 tells us that it *became* (wrongly rendered as ‘was’) ‘without form, and void’ which simply means *it became a desolate* (w/out form, #8414) and *undistinguishable ruin* (#922). And, that’s because the Lord shook the earth, *so strongly*, that it knocked the earth off its axis, which is why true north and magnetic north are now different. And He did this in response to Satan’s rebellion on earth in the first earth age, which you learn more about in the following studies...

3 World Ages <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/488>

In The Beginning, The World That Then Was <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/496>

Genesis Chapter 1 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Genesis/21

Exalted, The Inside Scoop <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/192?single>

So, when the Psalmist speaks of God forming the dry land, He truly did. For, after the Lord (YHVH) shook the earth (to clean out all the rebels that followed Satan) He then formed it (like a potter) into a place that could be habitual again, specifically so it would hold His children in flesh bodies so they could learn the consequences of their sins (i.e. what death is like via death in

the flesh) in hopes to save them from Satan's lies and deception which leads us to *spiritual* death (Rom 6:23; Rom 8:6). You can learn more about this in the following studies...

Where Did the People Go <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/340>

Spiritual and Material Dimensions <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>

Already There <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/191?single>

What Were We Like In the Beginning <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/322>

So, the Psalmist is praising our Heavenly Father (Yehovah = YHVH) for His mighty power to be able to make the sea and cause the land to rise out of it (after the great shaking in the first earth age). And He also formed the shorelines (borders) for the seas, so the sea wouldn't pass over it. Of course, from that mighty shaking (also described in Jer 4:23-26 and 2 Pt 3:3-7) He also created the beautiful mountains, rivers, waterfalls, valleys, rivers, lakes (etc.) that we still marvel at today. And, as He said in Ex 19:5, all the earth belongs to our Heavenly Father. And that (to reiterate) is because *He created it all* (Gen 1:1, Isa 42:5, Isa 45:12, 18, Zech 12:1, Ps 96:4-5; 148:1-6, John 1:1-3, Acts 4:24; 14:15, Eph 3:9, Col 1:16, Rev 4:11; Rev 14:7), *which includes us* (His children) as well (Ezek 18:4)...

Psalm 95

6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

Again, the Psalmist calls us to come and worship our Heavenly Father. And again, the word '**come**' here in this verse is different than the other two times it's been used in this Psalm. In verse 1 it meant *to walk* or *to carry* (#3212) and in verse 2 it meant *to project* (oneself), i.e. *precede*; hence, *to anticipate*, *hasten*, *meet* (usually for help) (#6923). And here, it **means to go** or **come** (in a wide variety of applications) (#935). So, the Psalmist has been describing the trip to the Temple to worship, and then having an audience with the Lord, and now he's explaining how we (in order to honor and revere our Heavenly Father) should humble ourselves to Him. The word '**worship**' here actually means **to depress**, i.e. **prostrate** (especially reflexive, *in homage to royalty or God*) (#7812). And the words '**bow down**' mean **to bend the knee** or, by implication, to **sink** or to **prostrate** (#3766). And prostrating oneself (bending a knee or bowing down totally) is always a way to show *great* reverence, humility and even submissiveness. This too is a part of *truly* worshiping our Heavenly Father. And, as the Hebrew word for '**kneel**' reveals, it's also (by implication) a way **to bless God as an act of adoration** (#1288). And, our Heavenly Father truly does deserve this. However, it's critical to remember that all outward forms of worship mean *nothing* to Him if they are *not* accompanied with our *sincere inward* worship (a point He made very clear back in Psalm 50 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Psalms/582). As He said through the prophets, what He really wants is our love (Deut 10:12-16; Mk 12:28-31; Hosea 6:6; Micah 6:8, etc). And God's 'love language' is obedience (1 Sam 15:22)! As Jesus said, IF we love Him we **will obey** Him (John 14:14, 23)! Further, today we don't have to go to any temple (not even a

Church, <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/332>) to worship our Heavenly Father. As Jesus said in John 4:23-24, those who want to *truly* worship the *true* God (YHVH) must do so ‘in spirit and in truth’. That means not only having the feeling of love for Him, but also studying His Word to put truth (His Word, John 17:17) into your heart and mind. For, ***if you don’t know God’s written Word then you truly do not know your Heavenly Father nor Jesus Christ!*** ... so how can you say you love God (or Jesus) if you don’t even know His words? Simply put, you can’t. You love the ‘image’ of God that *you have created in your own mind*, not the *true* God Almighty. True love for God comes from studying His Word, digesting it and absorbing it into our heart (desires, emotions, intentions and motivations) and mind (thought process) so that *it becomes a part of you* - and thus, you *sincerely* strive to obey it, *from the heart*. Otherwise, you are simply ‘playing Church’ and that’s not true Christianity [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>].

Moreover, (back to Ps 95:6) it’s also important to understand that the word ‘**before**’ means before His *face*, or *presence*, as it was rendered in verse 2 (#6440). And again, the reason we should kneel and bow down to worship God is simply because the Lord (Yehovah = YHVH) is our ‘maker’ (#6213), i.e. **He is our Creator**. As He said in Ezek 18:4: *Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die*. The Lord was stating this in response to those who claim that God punishes the sons for their father’s sins, which He emphatically explained that is not true (a point He made again, later on in Ezek 33 as well). But, the Lord’s point is clearly that: because all souls *are His* (because He created us all) ... *He can do with us as He wants*. And He promises that only those who sin (unrepentantly) will die. And so, ultimately, only those who refuse to repent and submit to the King of kings (Jesus Christ, who is God incarnate) will die *spiritually*, which means they’ll be *blotted out of existence* and cease to exist in any form anymore (Rev 20:10-15). As Psalms 37:20 describes it, the spiritual death (that will only come *after* the Millennium, Rev 20:10-15) is like how the fat of lambs goes up in to smoke after it hits the fire... *it dissipates into nothing*. That’s the fate of the body, soul and spirit of those who are incorrigible rebels.

And that’s why our Heavenly Father is working *so hard* to turn the hearts and minds of His children back to Him. As 2 Pt 3:9 explains, He is *longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance* (2 Peter 3:9), for *the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation* (2 Peter 3:15). But, as Peter also says (in 2 Pt 3), there will come a time when the opportunity to repent runs out and Jesus will return to pour out God’s ‘cup of wrath’ at the ‘day of vengeance’ (1 Thess 1:7-10; Rev 19:11-21, etc.). Yet, even after that God still gave Jesus a thousand years to teach the rebels who didn’t make the first resurrection; and the purpose is to give them a chance to learn *truth*, and repent, so they don’t have the same fate as Satan, and the other fallen angels, who are already condemned to die spiritually, which truly is ‘the end’ of our body, soul and spirit... forever (Ezek 28, Rev 20:10-15; Jude 5).

So, coming to the Lord and bowing down to kneel before our maker – willingly – is an essential part of *truly* worshiping our Heavenly Father. But, as we learned before, doing so without the ‘inward’ worship (loving and obeying Him and studying His Word) is *meaningless* to Him. In fact, it’s actually quite offensive to Him as He pointed out in Scriptures such as Ps 50, 1 Sam 15:22-23, Micah 6:6-8 (etc.). And, to reiterate, we certainly don’t have to bow down to worship our Heavenly Father. You can worship Him *wherever you are* in your heart and mind simply by praising Him and thanking Him (with a sincere heart) in your own mind. And truly, He especially enjoys this. So, make sure to thank Him (sincerely) when He helps you throughout the day, blesses you, comforts you, leads and guides you, and even when He chastises you - because He only does so for those who He loves (Heb 12). As Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians, we do worship our Heavenly Father when we are *singing and making melody **in your heart** to the Lord* as well as when ***giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*** (Eph 5:19-20). So, let’s not let a day go by that you don’t keep in touch (via prayer) with our Heavenly Father. For, He no longer wants sacrifices of blood from animals, because Jesus Christ has *already* paid for our sins, *once and for all* (Heb 10:10, Col 2:14, Eph 2:15). What He truly desires are *spiritual sacrifices* (1 Peter 2:4-6, Ps 141:2), such as: *thanksgiving* (Ps 50:7-15, 107:11, 116:17, Jonah 2:9, Amos 4:5), *praise* (Ps 54:6, Ps 141:2, Jer 17:26, 33:11), *joy* (Ps 27:6) *righteousness* (Deut 33:19, Ps 4:5, Heb 13:15), *controlling your body* (Rom 12:1-3) *including your mouth* (Ps 119:108)...

21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

*23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, **Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.***

Jer 7:21-23

*12 And now, Israel, **what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,***

*13 **To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?***

*14 Behold, **the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.***

15 Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

*16 **Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.***

Deut 10:12-16

*13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.***

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Eccl 12:13-14

We'll pick this up in part 3...

AMEN.