

Today, if you will
hear His voice...

Psalm 95

I. Worship God, 1-2

Sing to the Lord, 1

- Shout joyfully, 1 (2) ... with psalms (songs of praise). Praise (enthusiasm) + shout (earnestness of heart)
- To the LORD. Ep.5:19
- Come before His presence with thanksgiving. Lk.17:12-19

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II. Why Worship God? 3-7c

- The LORD is great God / King, 3.
 - To other nations: He was local deity of small nation.
- In His hand...deep places of earth, 4.
 - Col.1:17, And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
- The sea is His... 5.
- He is our Maker, our God, 6-7.
 - His people / His sheep, 7.
 - Ro.14:11

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III. **Warning**, 7d-11

Hear His voice

NOT audible speech (as 1 Sm.3)

God has spoken in various ways, Hb.1:1

1. Creation, Ps.19:1-4
2. Providence, Ps.8:3-5
3. Conscience, Ro.2:14-15
4. Written word, Ac.13:15 . . . 13:27
 - Hb.1:1-2, Son. 3:7, hear His voice.
 - Mt.17:5
5. Lives, 2 Co.3:2-3

2 Co.3:2-3 paraphrased

² you are our letter, written in our hearts for everyone to read and understand. ³ You are a letter written by Christ, delivered by us. You are not written with pen and ink or on stone tablets, but on our hearts by the Spirit of God

- Can people look at us and see a recommendation for the gospel?
- . . . or just look surprised?

Today, 7d

Not tomorrow. Suggests urgency. Why?

Delay hardens us, 8

1 Tim.4:1-2

Every time we sin without repenting, our hearts grow harder, making the next sin easier to embrace.

The facts:

¹Life is fleeting

³Sin hardens

²Life is uncertain

²Death ends opp.

People tend to forget God's works, 9

- How could anyone forget the Red Sea?
- How could a Christian forget Calvary?
 - 2 Pt.1⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

What causes greater wonder –
sinner's apathy or Lord's patience?

We are easily deceived, 10

- Self-deception is worst kind. “I have many years to prepare”
 - Forty years I was grieved (disgusted)
 - Forty years after Lord’s ascension, God cut off entire Jewish nation, A.D. 70
- Many deceive their own hearts
- Some are deceived because of others.
Mt.22²⁹ “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.”

God's wrath is real, 11

- He swore – certainty of verdict.
 - NT teaching on eternal hell.
- The rest – originally, Canaan (Josh.23:1).
 - As David wrote, Israel had received Canaan, but were in danger of losing true rest in heaven (Canaan was a type).
 - Hb.4: rest beyond anything Joshua won.

Heb.3:7-11 (David, 4:7)

NT Parallel: A relapse from Christ into Judaism would recall the apostasy of Israel who turned back in their hearts to Egypt...

It would not be a mere return to a previous belief, but another apostasy that would sever their relationship with God.

Hb.3:12