

Psalm 95

¹⁻² Hey everyone, join with us in singing for joy to the LORD, Jesus Christ, the Messiah¹. He has secured our salvation through His shed blood, so let's come before Him thanking Him and shouting for joy while we sing songs of praise. If you can't carry a tune then make a joyful noise to Him. ³ It is only right that we should do so, because He is the great God and a great King far surpassing any of the so-called gods men worship. ⁴ He has complete control over everything from the bottom of the deepest sea to the peaks of the highest mountains. ⁵ Both the oceans and the dry land belong to Him because He made them. ⁶ Come join me, and we will kneel down in submission to worship our Maker. ⁷⁻⁸ We should, because He is our God and our Great Shepherd. We are His sheep, and He feeds and protects us by His own hand. What a wonderful Savior!

Right now, if you hear His voice calling you, don't be like the children of Israel who hardened their hearts and tested God when they were in the desert wilderness. ⁹ They needed water, but since God hadn't provided for them they complained that God had let them down. They had seen His miracles in Egypt, but they still didn't believe God could provide. ¹⁰ As a result, for the next forty years the LORD was grieved with the people of that generation. He said, "These people are constantly going astray, and they have not learned how I work in the affairs of men. ¹¹ Because they tested me, none of the adults from that generation will enter into the promised land and find rest." Friend, don't test God like they did and have to experience the disastrous consequences that follow.

¹ In John 14:6 Christ said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." Therefore, the name "Jesus Christ, the Messiah" has been used.