

## Three Reasons We Worship God

(Psalm 95:1-11)

- Introduction:
1. While God does not need our worship (Psalm 50:12), he desires it.
  2. However, saying that God desires our worship doesn't mean he will always accept it (Leviticus 10:1-2; Genesis 4:1-5; Matthew 15:8-9; Colossians 1:23).
  3. Therefore, an ominous cloud potentially hangs over our attempts to worship God.
  4. In this lesson, the psalmist (i.e., David (Hebrews 4:7) teaches us why we should worship God and how to approach God acceptably.

### I. Because He Is God

- A. (Psalm 95:1-5).
- B. Consider the nature of our worship to him.
  1. Sing (Psalm 95:1).
  2. Shout joyfully (Psalm 95:1).
  3. Give thanks (Psalm 95:2).
  4. Bow down and kneel before him (Psalm 95:6).
- C. Consider the greatness of God.
  1. He is above all "gods" (Psalm 95:3).
  2. He controls the earth (Psalm 95:4-5).
  3. He created us (Psalm 95:6).

### II. Because He Is Our God

- A. (Psalm 95:7).
- B. He is a God of relationship.
- C. This relationship is modeled by a shepherd and his sheep.
  1. The shepherd loves his sheep (Psalm 23:1-1-6; John 10:11-14).
  2. The sheep follow the shepherd (Psalm 23:1-6; John 10:3-4).

### III. Because He Is a God Who Seeks the Heart

- A. (Psalm 95:8-11).
- B. The importance of the heart.
  1. Warning against hard hearts (Psalm 95:8).
  2. Actions are conceived in the heart (Psalm 95:10).

- Conclusion:
1. Going through the motions of religion or Christianity only angers God, and is fruitless (Psalm 95:11).
  2. Worship is an integral part of Christianity.
  3. Let's make sure that we show the proper attitude and action that will cause God to be pleased (John 4:24).