

Tuesday Devotional

September 14th, 2021

*“1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.”*

– Psalm 95:1–5

We are continuing to look at “why we do what we do?” at Shiloh ARP Church, especially in our worship service each Sunday. Last week we looked at why we use a prelude in worship. Today we look at why we have a **call to worship**, especially a call to worship that comes directly from God’s Word. Scripture like Psalm 95 is so helpful to serve as an invitation and as a reminder to all that are present.

First, the call to worship serves as an invitation. We can at times miss this important factor that being called to worship by God Himself is an invitation of the Gospel. Think about what happened in the garden to Adam and Eve after they sinned against God. They sinned and were cast out of the garden. In a way they were being told by God, “Go away! Your sin offends me for I am holy.” However, when we hear words like Psalm 95:1, “Oh come, let us sing to the LORD.” This is an amazing invitation no longer telling us to “go away!” but to “come!” by God’s grace. Therefore, each time we hear the scriptural call to worship, we must hear this wonderful invitation of grace from God.

Second, the call to worship serves as a practical reminder of why we are present at that worship service. Looking at Psalm 95:3, the Psalmist tells us why we are to come and worship the LORD, “*For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*” We need this reminder as we enter into worship because we often come with the burdens of our week on our shoulders when we come to worship. The call to worship then serves as a reminder that we are now present with God and our purpose for the next hour or so is to worship God.

My challenge for us all then is to listen closely as the call to worship is given. Turn in your Bibles and read along with the pastor as he reads the call to worship. It might even be helpful to read the call to worship before coming to worship to begin preparing your heart for worship. I would encourage us all to remember that this call to worship is not just another ritual of worship. Let us take our worship seriously, but also with joy. Realizing that by God’s grace he calls us into his presence, when we deserve to be told, “go away”.

More passages that call us to worship: Psalm 96; Psalm 98; Psalm 100; Psalm 103:1-5; Psalm 117; Psalm 150;