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THROUGH THE PSALMS

# PSALM 95: WORSHIP & WARNINGS

- **Unknown author – unattributed**
- **3 aspects of worship**
  - Passionate
  - Reverence
  - Obedience
- **Warnings**
  - Complaining
  - Testing

# PSALM 95:1-2 – WORSHIP ENCOURAGED

- **Communal worship**

- Come, let us – a collective act
- Not a spectator sport
- Worship leaders assist not entertain
- Command not optional extra

- **Passionate**

- Joyful
- Loud – uninhibited
- Thankful
- Music and song

*“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.”*

# PSALM 95:3-7 – WHY WORSHIP?

- **Great God**

- No comparison
- We all worship something

- **Creator**

- He made it all – depths, heights, sea, land
- You and me

- **Shepherd**

- He cares and provides for us

Not about feelings, emotions, circumstances but on who God is

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# PSALM 95:3-7 – ACTIONS IN WORSHIP

- **Come, let us**
  - Plural, communal
- **3 Aspects**
  - Worship            prostrate
  - Bow down        submission
  - Kneel             humility
- **Why?**
  - Outward expressions indicate a heartfelt response
  - Wholeheartedly

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# PSALM 95:3-7 – WHOLEHEARTED

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.”*

Romans 12:1 (NIVUK)

*“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*

Colossians 3:17 (NIVUK)

# PSALM 95:7b-11 – OBEDIENCE

- **Two OT accounts**

- Exodus 17:  
Massah & Meribah
- Numbers 20: Meribah
- Massah – testing
- Meribah – grumbling

- **Outcome**

- Israelites died in wilderness
- Moses & Aaron didn't make it into Canaan

*“Today, if only you would hear his voice, ‘Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested me; they tried me, though they had seen what I did. For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, “They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways.” So I declared on oath in my anger, “They shall never enter my rest.””*

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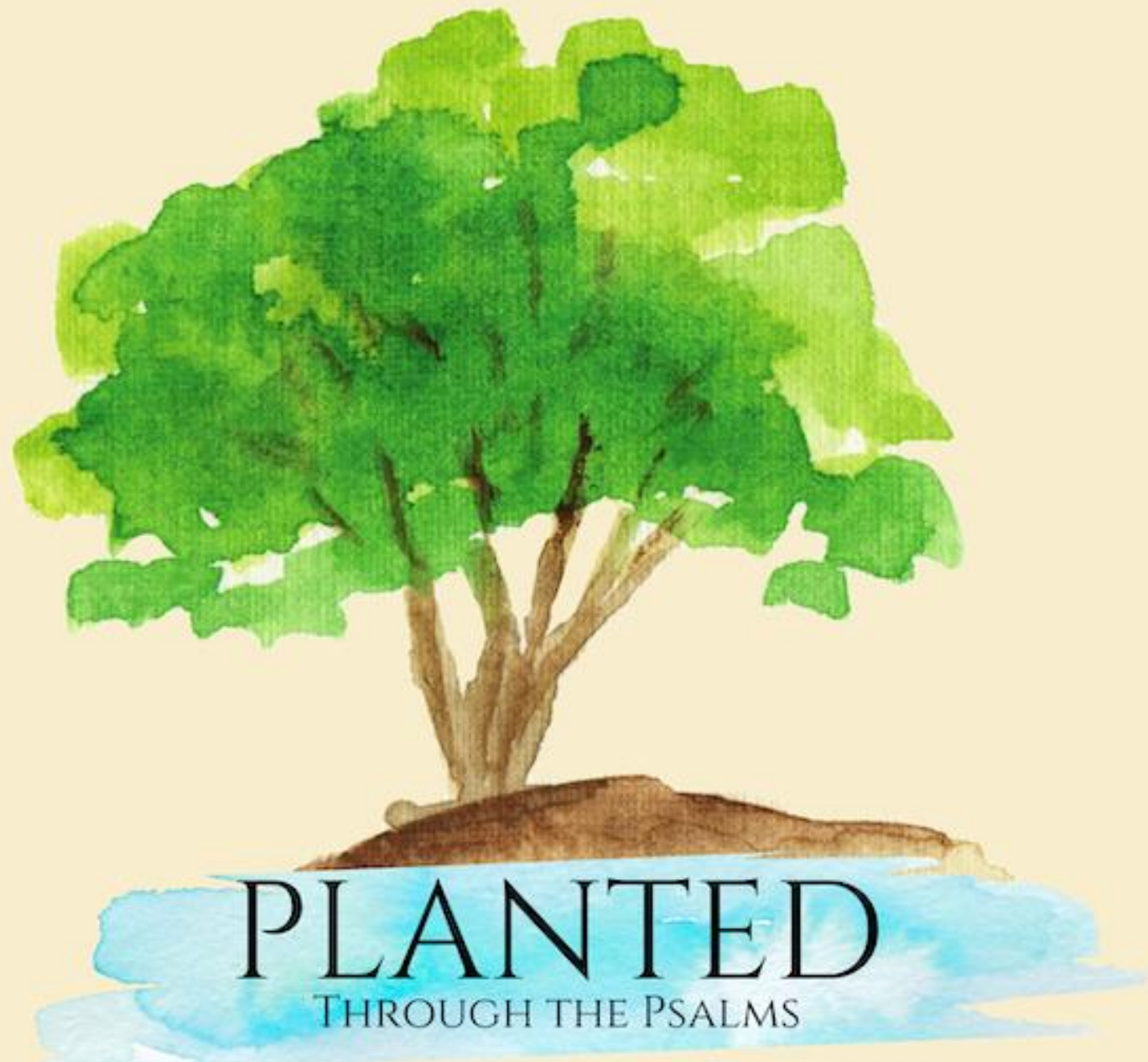
- **Consequences**

- God doesn't tolerate complaining and disobedience
- We may be saved but miss His blessing
- Obedience is an act of surrender/submission
- Have a wider perspective
- Irrational conclusions

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# PSALM 95 – TAKEAWAY

- **Today is the start – verse 7**
  - What have we heard? How will we respond?
- **Worship starts in us – it's powerful when expressed collectively**
  - Opens the door to spiritual gifts, especially the prophetic
- **How are our hearts?**
  - Complaining, grumbling
  - What happens when we're tested?
- **Are we at rest?**
  - Isaiah 40:31 – wait = trust, hope, rest
  - Resting is not inactivity; it is spiritual alignment
  - When we rest God works on our heart, character, faith



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