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PSALMS

Psalm 95

“Responding Rightly”

*Do you hear the call to respond to God?
Does your heart and life engage?*

“Practical atheists abound in conservative churches as well as liberal ones. These folks attend church and honor the Bible not because they are there to submit everything to the authority of the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, but because of the emotional need that is met by traditional religious order and moral structure.”

- Jack Miller

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2. Responding in Consistent Living – 7b-11

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Worship and Salvation – Exodus 15 and Christ

“Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.”

Exodus 15:1-2

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Worship as Highest and Lowest together

“On the other hand, it is evident that man never attains to a true self-knowledge until he have previously contemplated the face of God, and come down after such contemplation to look into himself. For (such is our innate pride) we always seem to ourselves just, and upright, and wise, and holy, until we are convinced, by clear evidence, of our injustice, vileness, folly, and impurity. Convinced, however, we are not, if we look to ourselves only, and not to the Lord also - He being the only standard by the application of which this conviction can be produced.”

- John Calvin

“Here then a crucial point is made. Our worship is not centered in what we get out of church (edification or inspiration). Our worship is centered in what we give to God. Worship is the turning of our lives over to Him, nothing less. A service of worship, therefore, is a service of surrender. This reality, if expressed, will deliver us from much of the self-centered so-called worship of the modern church.”

- Donald

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Warning of Hardness – Exodus 17 and Christ

“And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ...

And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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“We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.”

- 1 Corinthians 10:9-11

“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”

- Hebrews 3:12-15

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Warning and Rest – Hebrews 3, 4

“Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ... Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

- Hebrews 4:1. 11-13

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you.”

– Augustine

*Will you respond to God,
engaging your heart
and the whole of your life?*