

Psalm 95 literary structure

vs. 1-5	vs. 6-7a
<p>Four calls to worship:</p> <p>vs. 1-2 - Oh come,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> let us sing to the Lord let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence [meet his face] with thanksgiving let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! <p>Why we should worship:</p> <p>v. 3 - For</p> <p>Two statements about who God is: the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.</p> <p>Four statements on God as creator of all:</p> <p>v. 4 - In his hand are the depths of the earth the heights of the mountains are his also.</p> <p>v. 5 - The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.</p>	<p>Two calls to worship:</p> <p>v. 6 - Oh come [in],</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> let us worship [bow low] and bow down let us kneel before [face] the Lord, <i>our Maker</i>! <p>Why we should worship:</p> <p>v. 7 - For</p> <p>A statement about who God is: he is our God</p> <p>Two statements on God as creator of Israel: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.</p>
vs. 7b-11	
<p>A. Statement on hearing what God says: 7b -8a - Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts,</p> <p>B. Two stories about the people testing God: as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,</p> <p>'B Two statements about the people testing God: v. 9 - when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof,</p> <p>'A. Statement on seeing what God has done: though they had seen my work.</p> <p>Two "I" statements and quotes from God about Israel's hard-heartedness: vs. 10-11</p> <p>1) For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."</p> <p>2) Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."</p>	

[I owe Mark Girard for some of the parallels in the first section, "face" in vs. 2, 6 and the "hand" language in vs. 5 and 7.
Theology Digest, v. 30 pages 55-58]

Psalm 95:1-11 (ESV)

[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.

[6] Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

[7] For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

[8] do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

[9] when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

[10] For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways."

[11] Therefore I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter my rest."