

**WORSHIP THE LORD!!!**  
**A WONDERFUL COMMAND AND A FRIGHTENING ULTIMATUM**  
Prep for Nehemiah 12  
**PSALM 95**

- I. **WE WHO CLAIM TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE ARE COMMANDED TO JOYFULLY WORSHIP THE LORD TOGETHER (1-7a)**
- A. **The wonderful command** for us to come and joyfully worship the Lord who saved us (1-2)
  - B. **The reason for our worship:** He is a great God and King who made all things (3-4)
  - C. **The command thus to worship and bow down** (5-6)
  - D. **The reason for our worship:** Because of the Great Shepherd, He is our God and we are His people, His sheep (7a)
- II. **THE ULTIMATUM for those who claim to be His people but are not: We must WORSHIP from a changed heart OR We will PERISH because of a hardened heart (7b-11)**
- A. **If you hear His voice, do not let your heart harden** (7b-8a)
  - B. **The example of Israel's disobedience in the wilderness (8b-10)**
    - 1. They hardened their hearts and tested the Lord, even though they had seen His might work (8-9)
    - 2. Therefore, God hated that generation, who erred in their hearts and did not know His way (10)
  - C. **THEREFORE, GOD SWORE IN HIS ANGER THEY WOULD NOT ENTER HIS REST** (Be saved from their sins) (11)

## **FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**

### **HOW IS THE CHURCH TO WORSHIP? PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE WORSHIP REVEALED in THE DEDICATION OF THE WALL: Part 1 Nehemiah 12:1-39**

- I. **GIFTED PEOPLE ARE IDENTIFIED TO SERVE:** Nehemiah gives a list of those who previously served and led in the worship of the Living God (1-26)
  
- II. **THE WORSHIP SERVICE MUST BE PLANNED and thus servants sought:** The Levites singers are sought out to celebrate with gladness, hymns of thanksgiving, and accompanied song and they assemble (27-29)
  
- III. **THE SERVANTS, PEOPLE AND PLACE ARE TO BE PURE:** The priest and Levites purified themselves, the people, the gates, and the wall (30)
  
- IV. **THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS TO BE ORGANIZED:** Nehemiah organized the leaders and two great choirs, and they proceeded on the wall to the house of God (32-39)

#### **Next Time**

- V. **THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS TO BE IMMERSSED IN GLORIFYING MUSIC AND SINGING:** The singers sang in the house of God (40-42, 27-28, 31, 35,36, 40)
  
- VI. **THE WORSHIP SERVICE MUST BE FOCUSED ON CHRIST and HIS SACRIFICE which brings joy:** *On that day* they offered joyous sacrifices (43)
  
- VII. **THE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL INCLUDE WORSHIPFUL OFFERING:** *On that day* the people worshiped, offering joyous offerings of tithes (44-47)
  
- VIII. **THE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL HAVE CONVICTING PREACHING FROM THE WORD which elicits a righteous response:** *On that day* the Word was read, and the people were convicted and responded in obedience concerning foreigners (13:1-3)