

Authentic Worship
September 7, 2025

Verse: Psalm 95:1-2

Homework: Psalm 5; Isaiah 1:15-18; Isaiah 55:6; Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Heb. 4:16

The Moods of Worship

Psalm 95

- Mood #1 – Joy in the presence of the LORD 1-5
 - Come! – Call to worship
 - Shout for joy (“nerannenh”) – Exuberance!
 - Reason: There is no one greater!
 - He is the KING!
 - He is the Creator of all the earth!
- Mood #2 – Reverence before our God 6-7
 - Come! – Call to Worship
 - Bow down in worship – Reverence
 - Reason: Personal relationship with our God!
 - Like a shepherd tending to a lamb!
- Mood #3 – Responding in Faithful Obedience 7-11
 - Come / Respond! – Call to response!
 - Do not harden your hearts!
 - Like Israel did on two separate occasions in the desert!
 - Reason: The justice and mercy of God – call to obedience, the final step of worship!
 - See Hebrews 12:29 – Our God is a consuming fire!
 - Beware: The man upstairs syndrome!

The Pulse of Worship

- Joyful Connection Acts 2:46-47
 - Action: Daily/ Together/ Glad & Sincere hearts
 - Want to vs. Have to...
 - Result: People were drawn to the Lord!
- Sacrifices of Praise Micah 6:8
 - Context: What does God want? Sacrifices?
 - Answer: To act justly, love mercy, & walk humbly with your God.
- Pure Religion James 1:27
 - Outer aspect: helping the helpless
 - Inner aspect: Purity of life

Key:

- As followers of Jesus Christ, we gather together to respond to God by giving praise/ glory to Him because He is worthy.

Application:

- Worship!