

*Praising the Lord with an
Honest Heart*

Psalm 95

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with an honest heart:*

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Ephesians 2:1-3

- And you *He made alive*, **who were dead in trespasses and sins**, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, **and were by nature children of wrath**, just as the others.

Ephesians 2:4-6

- But God, who is rich in mercy, **because of His great love** with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and **raised us up together**, and **made us sit together in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:7-9

- that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His kindness toward us* in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift of God*, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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Colossians 1:16-17

- For **by Him** [Christ Jesus, the Son of God's love] all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, **visible and invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. **All things were created through Him** and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

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Exodus 17:1-2

- Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but *there was* no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?"

Exodus 17:3-4

- And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

Exodus 17:5-6

- And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Exodus 17:7

- So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "**Is the LORD among us or not?**"

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

- "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, **to know what *was* in your heart**, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, **allowed you to hunger**, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 8:4-6

- "Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. **You should know in your heart** that as a man chastens his son, *so* the LORD your God chastens you. Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

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- Be straightforward with yourself (Ps 95:10)
- Be warned about His reaction to dishonest, hardened hearts (Ps 95:11)

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