

## The Duty and Danger of Worship

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-11

"Likely to attend if invited" – 82%

Life is better when we worship God.

- DUTY

Great God! Great King!

Not many gods – one; not many values – one

The result is rest.

Not natural for us – distracted, self-absorbed

Not selfish of God – "that it may be well with you"

"Right now the Nones seem to have the upper hand in America. But what seems powerful is not always so. If I had to be on Harvard or the Catholic Church, Yale or the Mennonites in Goshen, Indiana, the New York Times or yeshivas in Brooklyn, I wouldn't hesitate. Over the long haul, religious faith has proven itself the most powerful and enduring force in human history." --R.R. Reno

Joy is required!

- DANGER

Hard hearts, resisting His will.

"They do not know my ways"

Luke 11:27-28 "Blessed are the breasts at which you nursed... No, blessed are those who hear and do God's word."

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"Such people the Father seeks to be His worshippers." (John 4:23)

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- <sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD,  
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup>Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,  
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
- <sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God  
And a great King above all gods,
- <sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- <sup>7</sup>For He is our God,  
And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
Today, if you would hear His voice,
- <sup>8</sup>Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
As in the day of Massah in the wilderness,
- <sup>9</sup>“When your fathers tested Me,  
They tried Me, though they had seen My work.
- <sup>10</sup>“For forty years I loathed *that* generation,  
And said they are a people who err in their heart,  
And they do not know My ways.
- <sup>11</sup>“Therefore I swore in My anger,  
Truly they shall not enter into My rest.”