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Access Through Worship



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Through the Psalms
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> Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
> let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
> Let us come before him with thanksgiving
> and extol him with music and song. . . .
> Come, let us bow down in worship,
> let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. . . .
> Today, if you hear his voice,
> do not harden your hearts. . . .
> (Psalm 95:1–2, 6, 7–8)

There is a beautiful progression here that brings us into the immediate presence of God. It starts with loud and jubilant praise and thanksgiving: "Let us sing for joy . . . let us shout aloud . . ." God encourages us to express freely our praises and our thanksgiving. We all need the spiritual release that this gives.

Then, as we go further, the mood changes: "Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker." Praise and thanksgiving lead us on to worship. Worship is not so much an utterance as an attitude. It is bowing down, kneeling – even at times prostrating ourselves before God. Every part of our being and every area of our personality is involved. All unite in total, unreserved submission to God.

When we come into this attitude of worship, we are able to hear God speaking directly to us. That is why the psalmist continues, "Today, if you hear his voice. . . ." This takes us beyond activities such as saying prayers or reading the Bible, important though these may be. It brings our spirits into direct communication with God.

The pathway that the psalmist here describes takes us through praise and thanksgiving into worship and stillness before God. It can bring us into a land of delight and abundance such as our natural minds could never envision, a land where "no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

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