

Sermon Handout
Prayers of Thanksgiving
Psalm 95:1-7

- I. Give Thanks to God with a joyful noise Ps 95:1-2**
- a. The scene is one of corporate, public worship vv. 2, 6
 - A. We bless him in the house of the Lord Ps 118:1-4; 24-26
 - B. God has gathered us together to worship him Ps 107:1-3
 - b. Continuous joy and gratitude are enjoined I Thess 5:16-18
Corporate worship sets the pattern for a daily life of giving thanks.
 - c. Gratitude is our expression of the First Table Ex 20:1-11
 - A. God is the source of all good gifts Jas 1:17-18
 - B. We are established in him by his grace Col 2:6-7
 - C. God has done glorious things for his people Is 12:4-6
- II. Why God's People Give Thanks to God Ps 95:3-7**
- a. He is above all gods as King v. 3
False gods Ps 96:4; 97:7, 9; I Sam 5:1-5
 - b. He is above all creation as Creator vv. 4-5
 - c. He is above his people as Shepherd vv. 6-7 *cf.* I Pet 5:4
- III. Failure to Thank God has Disastrous Consequences Rom 1:21ff**
- a. Vain reasoning v. 21b
 - b. Darkened hearts v. 21c
 - c. Becoming fools v. 22
 - d. Descent into deeper and deeper sin vv. 23-32
 - A. Worshipping false gods vv. 23-25
 - B. Female & male homosexuality vv. 26-28
"God has abandoned them to unworthy impulses and indecent conduct." v. 28, Goodspeed translation.
 - C. They are consumed by every evil activity vv. 29-32

Therefore, let God's servants be continually thankful to God, the King over all kings, the Lord of all creation, the Shepherd of his people.