Intro: 1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9 when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

I. Note that we are to Sing Praises to Jesus Christ – 1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

a. We are to sing to Christ as our deliver

• He saved us from our sins, He has deliverance from the evil one, and His mercy will endure forever. When we come into the presence of God, we sing about His deliverance from the bondage of sin, saved us from the powers of satan, and will deliver us into His kingdom forever. Amen! Peter knew the real Rock and His name was Jesus Christ.

° 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” 8 and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 1 Peter 2:7-8

b. We are to sing with the spirit of confession

• The word thanksgiving (tôdâ) means to confess, or more direct to confess what the Lord has done. We are to share what God has done in our lives, we are to tell others about the good news of Christ, and we are to invite others to do the same. Confession is more than us confessing our sins, it is also us sharing our testimony to others of Christ’s goodness.

° 27 For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. Romans 15:27

c. We are to sing to the Lord in Songs

• Singing is a part of worship like H²O is a part of water, it just goes together. You might not can carry a tune in a bucket, but to God that doesn’t matter, He want us to make a joyful noise for His ears to hear. Don’t be afraid of sing to the Lord what comes from your heart and not from your head.

° 19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:19-21

d. We are to sing to the God our Creator

• We sing to our great King who rules with power and might over His creation, but we sing to the God of our creation. Who has made us and all that is in it. Note what the Psalmist said that by His hands the seas, mountains, and land was formed by His hands. Who was this that formed creation, it was Jesus Christ. This is what Paul was referencing to when he said that “by Him all things were created”.

° 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. Colossians 1:15-16

II. We are to worship with a humbled heart – 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. . .

a. We are to humble ourselves for who He is

• The first step in worship is to humble ourselves before God. Understanding who He is and how He wants to be worshiped is the key to having a very good relationship with God. He has requirements on how He wants us to address Him each time we come into His presence. Jeremiah was having this kind of problem, where the people did not respect the way, the Lord wanted to be worshipped and punished them.

° 10 Thus says the Lord concerning this people: “They have loved to wander thus; they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them; now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.” 11 The Lord said to me: “Do not pray for the welfare of this people. 12 Though they fast, I will not hear their cry, and though they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence.” Jeremiah 14:10-12

b. We are to humble ourselves for He is our provider

• He not only is our Creator, but He is our provider. The One who will take care of us. He will take care of all our needs, our salvation needs, our clothing needs, and we will worship Him for His blessings.

° 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:31-33

° 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Philippians 4:19-20

III. The warning for not worshipping Christ today – 7 . . . Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, 9 when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. 10 For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways.” 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”

a. We need to learn from Israel mistakes

• The hardening of our hearts will lead to a trip to the wilderness. Ask Israel how that turned out for them. God will not allow sloppy worshipers to enter His holy presence. Failure to understand this will lead to an angry God with years of punishment, and long regrets of how we could have done better, then the result of repentance to restore our relationship with God. This all begins with the proper way to worship a Holy God.

° 3 The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it. Proverbs 22:3

b. Proper worship starts with respecting God in a proper way

• Israel was never allowed to enter the presence of God with disrespect and an unwilling heart. Note what God said, “I swore (promise) in my wrath, they will not enter my rest”. There is no rest for those who don’t worship the Lord properly; now and in the world to come. Everything and I mean everything start’s by showing God the proper respect when it comes to our worship.

° 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Psalms 2:11

° 11 Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.” Psalms 95:11