AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP.

PSALM 95

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"SURRENDERING TO CHRIST IS LIKE WRITING GOD A BLANK CHECK AND SIGNING YOUR NAME OF THE BOTTOM." -BILLY GRAHAM

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5 CANDLES OF ADVENT

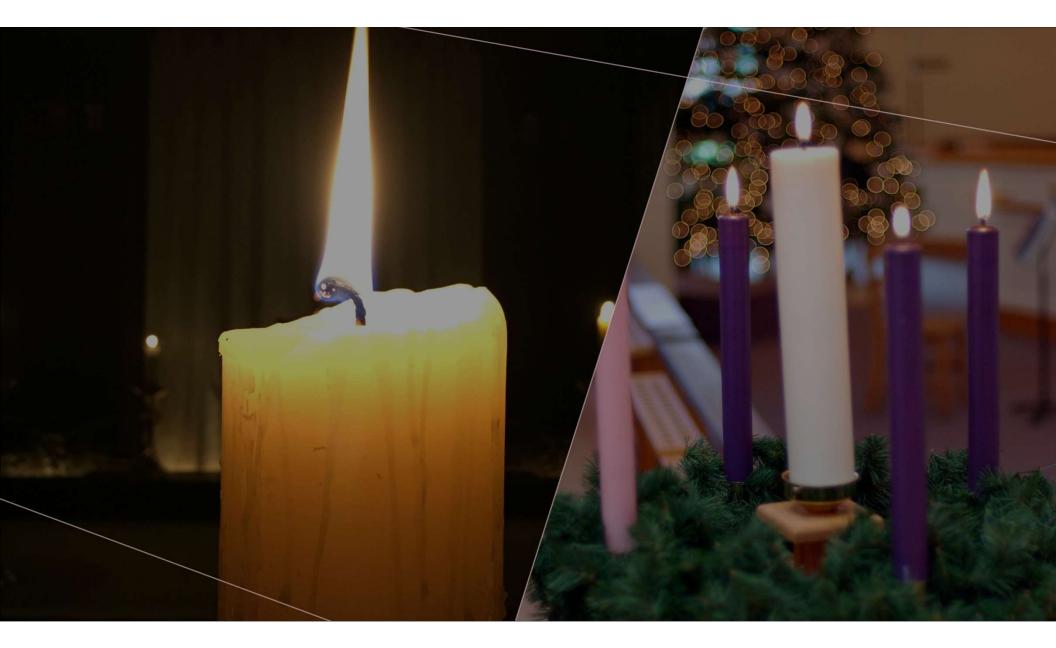
1. CANDLE OF HOPE-ANTICIPATION OF MESSIAH'S ARRIVAL AND FULFILLMENT OF PROMISES.

2. CANDLE OF PEACE- CHRIST'S PEACE IN A WORLD OF TUMULT.

3. CANDLE OF JOY- ("HERALDS" ANGELS- ANNOUNCING CHRIST'S BIRTH. CELEBRATION!

4. CANDLE OF LOVE- VESSELS OF GOD'S LOVE.

5. CHRIST CANDLE - ARRIVAL OF THE AWAITED MESSIAH WHO ILLUMINATES THE WORLD WITH HIS LOVE AND REDEMPTION!



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!

"FOR THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION HAS APPEARED TO ALL MEN, TEACHING US THAT, DENYING UNGODLINESS AND WORLDLY LUSTS, WE SHOULD LIVE SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, AND GODLY IN THE PRESENT AGE, LOOKING FOR THE BLESSED HOPE AND GLORIOUS APPEARING OF OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. (TITUS 2:11-13)

ROMANS 13:11- AND DO THIS KNOWING THE TIME (KAIROS- AGE/ERA VERSUS CHRONOS- CLOCK/TIME) CONTEXT: KNOW THE TIMES VS THE TIME. (LAST DAYS).

ROMANS 12:1- I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE (IN LIGHT OF THE FIRST 12 CHAPTERS) BY THE MERCIES OF GOD TO PRESENT YOUR BODY AS A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE ACT OF SERVICE. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST! (PART 2)

THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND; THEREFORE BE SERIOUS AND WATCHFUL IN YOUR PRAYERS. (1 PETER 4:7)

WHEN HE IS REVEALED, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS. AND EVERYONE WHO HAS THIS HOPE IN HIM PURIFIES HIMSELF, JUST AS HE IS PURE. (1 JOHN 3:2-3)

THE LORD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISE AS SOME COUNT SLACKNESS, BUT IS LONGSUFFERING TOWARD US, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE. (2 PETER 3:9)

Worship is **FOCUSING ON** and **RESPONDING** to God.

Donald Whitney: Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life "Without worship, we go about miserable." -A.W. Tozer

"We only learn to behave ourselves in the presence of God." -C.S. Lewis

"Worship changes the worshiper into the image of the One worshiped." -Jack Hayford

"A glimpse of God will save you. To gaze at Him will sanctify you." -Manley Beasley



OUTLINE

Worship the LORD Joyfully. (95:1-5) Worship the LORD Humbly. (95:6-7a) Worship the LORD Carefully and Obediently (95:7b-11). Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. (2) Let us come before His presence; Let <mark>us</mark> shout joyfully to Him with psalms. (3) For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. (4) In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. (5) The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. **PSALM 95:1-5 (NKJV)**

Worship the LORD Joyfully. (PSALM 95:1-5)

LOOKING UP AND LIFTING UP OF GOD BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE!



(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. PSALM 95:1-6-7a (NKJV)



Worship

the LORD

Humbly.

(PSALM 95:6-7a)

INFLUENCING CULTURE OF A CHURCH (REALITY LA)

Worship is Communal but also,

• Worship is Individual (Jin / C. Eve)





(7) Today, if you hear his voice. (8) "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion. (9) When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. (10) For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts. And they do not know My ways.' (11) So, I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest."

Worship

the LORD

Carefully and Obediently!

(PSALM 95:7b-11)



"AS WORSHIP BEGINS IN HOLY EXPECTANCY IT ENDS IN HOLY OBEDIENCE SAVES WORSHIP FROM BECOMING AN OPIATE, AN ESCAPE FROM THE PRESSING NEEDS OF MODERN LIFE."

> -RICHARD FOSTER FROM CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE



OH LORD HOW I LOVE TO SING YOUR PRAISES

Oh Lord How I love to sing your praises Oh Lord How I love to dance for you Oh Lord, You have captured my affection Forever I will sing of your love Forever I will bring to you my life Forever I will worship You When I think of all you've done it makes me shout for Joy When I think of what's to come: Living forever in your presence Face to Face with my MAGNIFICIENT OBSESSION Forever I will worship You

