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Holy
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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 95:1-11

Twice the psalmist invites us to come before God in praise and worship (95:1, 6). Worship requires relocation. We must leave where we are and enter a place where God can be exalted and glorified. This is not primarily a physical location as much as it is a spiritual and emotional one. It has less to do with our surroundings as with our attention, where and on whom it is focused.

For ancient Israel the call to worship the Lord, "the great King above all gods," meant that they could no longer dally with idols. To truly worship they must focus on the true God whose awesome grandeur can be perceived in His creation. Israel had to come out of their tendency to bitterly complain against God whenever they felt their needs and comfort were not being sufficiently met. They needed a new vision of themselves as "the people of his pasture, the flock under his care." A proud posture will not do, "Come, let us bow down.

Focus your attention on Him and not the false idols this world extols.

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