

A Study of the Wisdom Literature **(OT Survey Lesson 250—Psalms 95-96)**

Introduction: Both of these psalms are calls to worship the God of creation. In them the psalmists urge the reader to consider the majesty, glory, and power of God as creator and judge of the earth.

Lesson aim: To encourage thoughtful and joyous worship to God.

A psalm encouraging God's people to worship Him—Psalm 95:1-11

1. What did the psalmist invite the reader to do? (v. 1) With what attitude did he say God should be worshipped? (v.2)
2. How did the psalmist describe God? (v. 3) How did the psalmist seek to impress upon the reader the greatness of God? (v. 4-5)
3. What did the psalmist urge the reader to do in the second strophe? (v. 6) What relationship did he say God's people have with Him? (v. 7)
4. What warning did the psalmist give? (v. 8) Relate briefly what happened at Meribah and Massah.
5. What had Israel' fathers done on these occasions? (v. 9) How did God describe them? (v. 10) What judgment did God make concerning them? (v. 11)
6. Read Hebrews 3 & 4. What application did the Hebrew writer make of this psalm?

A psalm urging men to worship God, the righteous judge of the earth—Psalm 96:1-13

1. What did the psalmist urge the reader to sing? (v. 1) What do you think this means?
2. What other things did he urge the people to do? (v. 2-3) Why? (v. 4) How did he say God differed from the idols of the nations? (v. 5)

3. What features did he say were “before Him”? (v. 6) What things were said to be “in His sanctuary”?
4. In the second strophe, what things did the psalmist say the worshipper should “ascribe to the Lord”? (v. 7-8)
5. What was the worshipper urged to bring with him into the presence of God? (v. 8)
6. In what attire was the worshipper to worship? (v. 9) Is this a reference to physical clothing?
7. What statement did the psalmist give to speak to the nations? (v. 10)
8. In the third strophe, what else was urged to be glad and rejoice? (v. 11) What parts of nature were urged to join in the worship of God? (v. 11-12)
9. The truth about God was announced in v. 13? With what characteristics would God judge the earth?