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The Book of Psalms part 1: Intro and Psalm 95 Saturday, February 8, 2025 Psalm 95

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; cry out to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with a song of praise, joyfully sing out our psalms. For the LORD is the great God, the great king over all gods, Whose hand holds the depths of the earth; who owns the tops of the mountains. The sea and dry land belong to God, who made them, formed them by hand. Enter, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, we are the people he shepherds, the sheep in his hands. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as on the day of Massah in the desert. There your ancestors tested me; They tried me though they had seen my works Forty years I loathed that generation; I said: "This people's heart goes astray; they do not know my ways." Therefore I swore in my anger: "They shall never enter my rest."

Questions

1. How do the psalms help deeply connect the Israelites and modern-day Catholics? What are some themes that are common, and some themes that are prophecies of the new covenant? E.G the example of the shepherd?
2. Why would the psalm begin with the imperative: sing joyfully to the Lord? Not just because we owe it to God, but how do we benefit from praising God with great joy? Why is this a reminder and remedy against cynicism?
3. What does it really mean God "loathes" that generation? Why do they not know His ways, and how does that relate to us today?
4. Why would God say "I swore in my anger they shall not enter into my rest." Does God get angry? Does God get revenge? What kind of rest is God talking about; why is rest so important theme in the Bible?