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7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

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   1. 1,2,6 “let us”
   2. 7 For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,
2. God will honor the faith of everyone that works by His love.

1Cor. 13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

1Co 7:19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. Ga 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Ga 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

2Th 1:11 ¶ Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: 1Th 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

1. God is looking for a people with a diligent faith.

Ga 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on **them**, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

* 1. Faith demonstrated “to the rock of our salvation”
     1. O come, let us sing unto the LORD
        1. Faith demonstrated by singing
        2. Loving the Lord not just loving to sing
        3. Loving the presence of God, demonstrations of His power.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

* + - 1. Loving the souls of men unto full deliverance.
    1. let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation
       1. All Joy in all trials Jm.1:2; Mat.5:10-12; 2Co 4:17; 2Ti 2:12;

1Pe 3:14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: 4:12-14

3 For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. 5 The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

“the rock”

1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

“the rock of our salvation”

Ps 31:2 Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

Jg 15:13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

* + - 1. We should shout as jubilant as those who
         1. triumphed in war
         2. Crossed the Red sea
         3. Were in the upper room at Pentecost
         4. Have great Joy

Mt 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. Lu 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

Mt 28:8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Lu 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: Lu 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Mt 28:17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

Ac 8:8 And there was great joy in that city.

What brought such Great Joy?

Ac 8:2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. 8 And there was great joy in that city.

Ac 15:3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren Ac 14:26 And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

Phm 1:7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother. 20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

Phm 1:5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

We all have received mercy when we didn’t deserve it.

* + - 1. As solemnly as those who utter a psalm.

It is not always easy to unite enthusiasm with reverence, and it is a frequent fault to destroy one of these qualities while straining after the other.

O come, let us **sing** unto the **LORD**

The perfection of singing is that which unites joy with seriousness, rejoicing with humility, fervency with temperance.

The invitation given in the first verse (Ps 95:1) is thus repeated in the second (Ps 95:2) and results in worship (95:6)

95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

1Ch 16:23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. Ps 96:2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Ps 51:14 ¶ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

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Ps 19:8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Ps 119:111 ¶ Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

Jer 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Zep 2:15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

Ps.95:10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: 11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Let us sing, we don’t deserve His Promises but He made a way to give them exeedingly.

Let us sing, we don’t deserve His Mercy but He made a way to give it richly.

Let us sing, we don’t deserve His Grace but He made a way to give it abundantly

Let us sing, we don’t deserve Eternal life but He made a way to give itmore abundantly

Let us sing, we don’t deserve His Glory but He made a way to give it gloriously

Let us sing, we don’t deserve His victory but He made a way to give it victoriously

Let us sing, we don’t deserve Triumph but He made a way to give it triumphantly

Let us sing, we don’t deserve His Strength but He made a way to give it. Let us sing, we don’t deserve His wisdom but He made a way to give it.

1Ch 16:11 Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.

Error of the heart

Psalms 95:10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

Heb 3:10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness?

The causes of their sin.

1. See what God imputed it to:
   1. It is a people that do err in their hearts,
      1. and they have not known my ways.
         1. Men's unbelief and distrust of God,
         2. their murmurings and quarrels with him, are the effect of their ignorance and mistake.
            1. First, Of their ignorance:

They have not known my ways.

They saw his work (Ps 95:9) and he made known his acts to them (Ps 103:7); and yet they did not know his ways, the ways of his providence, in which he walked towards them,

or the ways of his commandments, in which he would have them to walk towards him:

they did not know,

they did not rightly understand

and therefore did not approve of these.

The reason why people slight and forsake the ways of God is because they do not know them.

* + - * 1. Their sin –what some call their mistake: many say its okay.

They do err in their heart;

they wander out of the way;

in heart they turn back.

Sins are errors, practical errors, errors in heart; as fatal as errors in the head. When corrupt affections pervert the judgment that God shows, sin leads the soul out of the ways of duty and obedience, there is an error of the heart.