

Senior Moments with Jay

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Looking at the first seven verses, it talks about songs, shouts, gratitude and praise that erupted from those gathered to worship the LORD. The Bible gives us many examples of stillness and silence in God's presence. But illustrated in Scripture are equally many examples of raucous worship. Both peaceful silence and enthusiastic praise are appropriate expressions of worship to our great God!

Psalm 95:3 says: "For the LORD is a great God, and the great King above all gods." That's a great affirmation of faith the psalmist wrote as he looked at the heathen gods of other nations. In his book, *"Your God is Too Small,"* J. B. Phillips affirms the greatness of God. He says: "If you have a small God, you'll have small faith; if you have a great God, you'll have a great faith – not great faith in your faith, but great faith in a great God!" If God truly is a great God, then how should we respond to His greatness?

FIRST – Thank Him! Vs. 2 says, "Let us come to Him with thanksgiving. Let us sing psalms of praise to Him!" Be thankful that He is a great God. Note that His greatness extends to creation. "He holds in His hands the depths of the earth and the mightiest mountains! (vs.4)" Isn't it good to know that God is a God of the depths as well as a God of the heights? When we're living on the mountaintop, He is there. When we're down in the valley, He is there. "The sea belongs to Him, for He made it. His hands formed the dry land, too. (vs. 5)" I'm glad that my God is God of the changing places, such as the sea, and of the stable places, such as the dry land. No matter where we are, we can experience His greatness.

SECOND – Sing to Him! Verse 1 says; "Come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation." And verse 6 says: "Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, for He is our God." The greatness of God is the answer to the smallness of man! When you see great sin and great disappointment or when you have a great burden to carry, remember that you are worshipping a great God. And as you kneel before Him, He becomes even greater! And even as we worship and serve a great God, He cares about the smallest details of your life. Nothing escapes His notice – from the sparrow that falls to the number of hairs on your head. He keeps the stars and planets on course and sustains the smallest microbe. The LORD Jesus determines the day of your birth, your death day, and He guides all the days between them. Everything belongs to God and He manages all things perfectly! Though we may think of them as senseless tragedies, there are no accidents with God...only incidences. God directs and co-ordinates ever detail flawlessly. And His objective is to mold His children into the likeness of Jesus Christ. God manages and supervises difficult times and the bumps of life to accomplish this objective.

In summary, we serve a great God, and God's sovereign providence controls, sustains, supervises, directs, co-ordinates, and manages everything according to His perfect wisdom, will, and plan! Trusting in the LORD's sovereign providence is essential to the believer's peace and sense of security.

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