

## **Weekly Devotions: GOD IS SOVEREIGN 11**

### **Do Not Ignore Yahweh's Voice**

For the sheep to enjoy the care of the shepherd, it must remain in the flock and follow the shepherd's direction. A good shepherd is so closely connected to his sheep that they can recognize his voice and follow him.

Jesus, our good Shepherd, said in John 10: 27; "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." For us to be able to recognize His voice we need to know Him personally. We must also know and be ready to obey His word.

### **Read Psalm 95**

Many voices demand our attention and loyalty today. The Psalmist exhorts that Yahweh deserves our total attention and obedience because He is the Rock of our salvation, "a great God, and a great King above all gods" (vv. 1 & 3). He rules over all creation because He is the Creator. He is also Yahweh, our Maker (v. 6) and our Redeemer.

We should worship Him with joy and thanksgiving and bow before Him in humble obedience. The Psalmist exhorted, "For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts..." (Ps 95: 7-8a).

So, is your heart hardened towards God? Has sin, pride, worries and anxieties, the false teachings of the world deafened your ear to what God is saying to you? Take heed of God's warning to those whose hearts have gone astray; "They shall not enter my rest!" (v. 11)

### *Questions to ponder*

1. Why should we confidently put our total trust in God and His word (vv. 1, 3-7)?
2. Why was Yahweh angry with His people (vv. 8-10)? What did He pledge to do (v.11)?
3. To know what God expects of us is not enough; we must be ready to obey Him. Why do we give excuses or drag our feet when it comes to doing what God commands through His word? What would be the result of our disobedience and taking God's word for granted?