Reflection on Psalm 95

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Consider who He is:
      Yahweh, I AM, source of all being;
      our Rock;
      the one who saves us from all that threatens and oppresses us;
      ultimate ruler over all rulers:
      Creator and sustainer of all reality.
The most magnificent heights,
the most mysterious depths, and
the infinite variety of creation -
all that is beyond our imagination -
      are encompassed in His hand,
      resting in His effortless control.
How should we respond to
      the simple reality of all He is?
Sing!
Shout for joy!
Praise Him jubilantly!
Bring Him our exuberant thanksgiving!
Bow down in worship.
But bowing to Him means more than
      repeating the right words or
      assuming a physical posture.
Bowing to Him means
      fully giving ourselves to His complete authority
      unreservedly,
      in full obedience.
      without resistance.
It means focusing our hearts and minds,
      not on our own desires,
      not on our own resources.
but on Him.
Bowing means
      trusting Him and
      following Him
like sheep follow their shepherd.
It means keeping our hearts
      pliable in His hands,
      fully responsive to His will,
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like clay in the hands of a potter.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. (Psalm 95:6, NASB)

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