

Psalm 100

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – *In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God In Christ*

Jesus concerning you. – God’s command, and His desire, for all believers

Psalm 107:2 – *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.*

2 Timothy 3:1-5 - Characteristics of the last days

1- Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

In expressing gratefulness, we are to be emotional

In expressing gratefulness, we are to be vocal – shout

In expressing gratefulness, we are to be heard – shout

In expressing gratefulness, we must have direction – to the Lord

Expressing gratefulness is not an option – all you lands

2a- Serve the LORD with gladness;

“Serve” – *work, minister, to worship*

“*Sharat*” most often denotes “service” rendered in connection with Israel’s worship

1) The focus of worship is the Lord (direction) Col. 3:17, 23 – HE is our audience!

2) The proper attitude of worship – (expression of the heart)

2b- Come before His presence with singing.

1) Invitation to move toward the Lord – James 4:8

2) Description of how to approach the Lord – Eph. 5:19

3a- Know that the LORD, He is God;

The Jewish “Shama” - Duet 6:4 – *“Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one.”*

To know, regard, recognize, pay attention to; be acquainted with

3b- It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

1) Declaration of origin – The Lord made us! – ownership by creation

2) *“not we ourselves”* – response to the statement just declared

3c- We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

1) Declaration of ownership – *“His people”*

2) Declaration of character – *“His sheep”*

4a- Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

1) Move toward the Lord – reflect back to vs. 2 – *“come before His presence”*

2) The expression of the heart upon entering – *“with thanksgiving”*

4b- And into His courts with praise.

1) Jer. 33:11 – Israel was instructed to “bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord”

2) Heb. 13:15 – In the NT, believers were instructed to *“continually offer the sacrifice of praise”*

4c- Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

1) Expression of the heart – “thankfulness” - “praise”

Lam. 3:22, 23 – *“Through the Lord’s mercies, we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not; they are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.”*

2) What does it mean to “bless the Lord”?

a) Adore and worship

b) Kneel in recognition of Who He is – “The Lord is God.”

5a- For the LORD is good;

The Lord is described as *“good”* – and it is the same word He used to describe each act of creation.

5b- His mercy is everlasting,

God’s everlasting mercy is what we discover about God when we offer to Him our *“sacrifices of praise”* – Jer. 33:11

5c- And His truth endures to all generations.

“Truth” – faithfulness, trustworthiness, steadiness — perpetuated and enduring to all generations

Conclusion:

What do you have to be grateful for? –

Does your list begin with *God* and *Who He is*?

What is God trying to teach you about Himself that would cause you to “worship” or “praise” Him?