

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

Psalm 100:1-5

Who? To “all lands”. The subject of the address—responding to God properly.

1. We are to Give Thanks Enthusiastically

Vs. 1—A Psalm of thanksgiving. Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

- a. Praise God emphatically
- b. A shout is public, it is known
- c. A shout implies deep involvement

2. We are to Serve Our LORD

Vs. 2a—Serve the LORD with gladness;

- a. God is deserving of our service
 - Service=paying homage to someone who deserves it, such as a King
 - *Revelation 4:11*
- b. Our serving should be done gladly
 - i. Keep perspective of who you are serving
 - ii. We should *desire* to serve God
 - iii. Serving joyfully is not dependent on good fortune

3. We are to Approach God with Singing

Vs. 2b—Come before His presence with singing.

- a. Christians are to be singing songs of worship to God
 - *Ephesians 5:17-20*
 - *1 Chronicles 16:23*
- b. Christians have the ability to worship God anywhere

4. We are to Remember Key Truths About God

Vs. 3—Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

- a. Strive to understand who God is
 - If we do not know about God, how could we claim to know how or properly praise Him?
- b. Realize we are God’s creation, not our own

5. We are to be Thankful and Praising in our Prayer and Worship

Vs. 4a—Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

- a. We need to be thanking God for what he has done
- b. We need to praising Him for who He is
- c. Our focus should not be on our own desires
 - *Matthew 6:9-13*

6. We are to be Thankful to God in Everything

Vs. 4b—be thankful to Him,

- *1 Thessalonians 5:18*
- *Ephesians 5:20*

Are you thankful in all circumstances?

7. We are to Bless His Name

Vs. 4c—and bless His name.

- a. How do you bless his name? By proclaiming the truth about God
- b. Praise God because of who He is

Vs. 5—For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

- *God is good*
- *His kindness will not run out, it is unfailing*
- *He is unchanging*