



Psalm 100

A Psalm of Thanksgiving

“Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth”

- Suggests the shouts of joy and praise to a triumphant king – Psa. 98:6
 - You and I have something to do in our worship
 - We should gladly participate because the God we worship is **Jehovah**
- **All the earth** is to praise Jehovah
 - We are reminded that the whole earth is subject to God
 - God’s sovereignty should affect the way we think and praise God – Phil. 2:9-11
- This is a **call** to take the gospel to the world

“Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing”

- These statements are equal, presenting the same thought in different words
 - **Service** and **coming before God in worship** are connected
 - Service is **worship** – Rom. 12:1; Mt. 25:40; Eph. 5:22; 6:1, 7
 - Worship is **service** – Matt. 15:8-9
- We are to serve/worship with **gladness**
 - Worship/service done according to God’s will in no way hampers the gladness of this grand opportunity – Titus 2:11-12
 - Our worship offered according to the word must be offered with thankfulness from the heart – Col. 3:16

“Know that the Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture”

- Acceptable thanksgiving and praise come from knowledge of God
 - We need to know that **Jehovah** is **God!**
 - Worship to God must be **intelligent**, done with **knowledge** of who we are thanking and why – Jn. 4:22; Acts 17:22-23
 - A greater knowledge of God means a more meaningful and fulfilling worship and greater assurance of its acceptableness
- Two important reasons why we should be thankful to God
 - We are His by **right** as our **creator** – Gen. 1:1; Rom. 1:24-32
 - We are His by **choice** – Psa. 23

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name”

- This invitation recalls the times of worship at the temple where God’s presence was made know
 - God desires a form of thanksgiving and praise involving His people coming together – Heb. 10:24-25
 - The simplicity of the invitation should not conceal its wonder – Rev. 21:26-27; Heb. 10:19-20
- Giving thanks and blessing God’s name must abound in God’s people
 - This is at the heart of why we are here!
 - We come into God’s presence with the only give we have to offer—our sacrifice of gratitude, praise, and adoration for His greatness

“For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations”

- Here we are given final proof of why we worship God
- Jehovah is **good** – Acts 14:17; Jas. 1:17; Psa. 34:8
- Jehovah’s **lovingkindness is everlasting** – Rom. 8:38-39
- Jehovah’s **faithfulness is to all generations** – Rev. 2:10; Heb. 10:23