

## A Psalm of Thanksgiving

### Psalm 100

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#### I. How to give thanks to the Lord. *Psalm 100:1-2*

Here within five short verses of *Psalm 100*, the psalmist is communicating that the Lord is the \_\_\_\_\_ source of blessing; so, He is completely deserving of our thanksgiving and praise.

- "If we are a complaining, doubtful, and discouraged people, we are not a thankful people, and we \_\_\_\_\_ in the call to draw "all the earth" in giving thanks." (VanGemeren)

Serving the Lord is also an act of worship; we tell the Lord what He is \_\_\_\_\_ to us, by our acts of service for Him.

- Singing is not the only way to worship the Lord; but, it is certainly an \_\_\_\_\_ part of worshipping the Lord.

#### II. The Lord is creator. *Psalm 100:3*

"But who is the Lord? What is His character? Does He have adequate \_\_\_\_\_ to be my shepherd, my manager, my owner?" (Keller)

- "**Restores my soul**" demonstrates the \_\_\_\_\_ of a lost person who will come to Jesus for Salvation.

David describes the Lord's provision and goodness He prepares for those who love Him. What the Lord has waiting for us in heaven is amazing; but, He wants us to have \_\_\_\_\_ now.

#### III. Thankful for the Lord. *Psalm 100:4*

Just as the Lord's glory was revealed in the Old Testament tabernacle; so, He revealed His \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Entering into His gates and courts is an invitation into the very \_\_\_\_\_ of God Himself, and again the psalmist tells us to enter into His presence with thanksgiving.

"We do not add anything to Him when we bless Him, yet we worship Him as our appropriate \_\_\_\_\_ to His greatness and His love for us."

(compellingtruth.org)

#### IV. Some reasons to thank Him. *Psalm 100:5*

"The God of the Bible is and has \_\_\_\_\_ been good." (Boice)

- God's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ is shown within His plan to redeem us.

"So long as we are receivers of mercy we must be \_\_\_\_\_ of thanks."

(Spurgeon)

#### Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. Read *Psalm 100:1-2*. Discuss some different ways we can give the Lord thanks. *What does the psalmist mean by shouting unto the Lord? When is an appropriate time to get excited about Jesus?*  
***Psalm 121:1-2, Psalm 150, Luke 23:20, Psalm 116:12-14***
2. Read *Psalm 100:3*. Discuss how these attributes of the Lord, teach us to trust Him. Creator, Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent, immutable, holy, righteous, just, sovereign, faithful, merciful, gracious, and kind.  
***Psalm 139:1-7, Isaiah 40:12, Hebrews 4:13, Jeremiah 23:23-24, Hebrews 13:5, Proverbs 3:5-6, Hebrews 11:6, Romans 4:17, Jeremiah 32:17, Malachi 3:6, Psalm 18:30-31, John 17:17, Psalm 31:5, Psalm 71:19, Matthew 5:48, Acts 17:31, Psalm 51:4***
3. Read *Psalm 100:4*. *What does it mean to enter the Lord's gates and courts? What does entering mean to us?*  
***John 10:7-9, John 14:6, Hebrews 10:24-25, Exodus 30:20***
4. *Psalm 100:5*. Discuss how the Lord is always good.  
***Matthew 7:11, Psalm 27:13, Exodus 34:6, Genesis 1:4,10,12,18,21,25,31, Psalm 34:8, John 3:16***
5. Discuss how we see God's mercy and truth enduring forever through scripture.  
***Psalm 138:2, Psalm 136:23, Psalm 146:10, Matthew 5:18***