

## Psalm 100

No. 165

### Introduction.

- I. In Luke the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter we read of Jesus traveling along the border between Samaria and Galilee. (Lk. 17:11-17).
  - A. This familiar story teaches us a lesson on the great power and mercy of Jesus. It also teaches us a lesson on gratitude. These ten men were all completely healed of the horrible disease of leprosy, but only one gave thanks. Jesus praised the Samaritan because of his deep gratitude, but rebuked the 9 Jews because of their ingratitude.
  - B. **God wants us to be grateful.** He wants us to give thanks . He wants us to count our blessings.
- II. **One of the greatest of the psalms is psalm 100.** This is a very short psalm, but one that is rich and full of meaning.
  - A. It is a timeless psalm. It is “A Psalm For Thanksgiving” that was sung by the Jews as they were about to enter the temple gates.
  - B. **Listen as I read this beautiful and meaningful psalm.** I will be reading from the New American Standard Bible.

**1 Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. 3 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. 4 ¶ Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. 5 For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations.**

- C. The magnificent psalm is composed of two short hymns or stanzas. The first 3 verses are “A Call To Worship. Verses 4-5 gives “The Grounds For This Call.”
  - I. **Shout** - The psalm begins “Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.”
    - A. The whole earth is summoned to “shout”, that is, to “sing joyfully to the Lord.” It is not only a summons to Israel, but it includes all humanity. Every man, woman and child in every nation is to “shout joyfully to the Lord,” that is, “make a joyful noise to the Lord.”
    - B. Those who approach God must approach Him with the **right attitude** and **right motives**.
      1. We must approach God with **faith** - unwavering faith, unwavering trust, unwavering confidence. (Heb. 11:6).
      2. We must approach God with **humility**. We must recognize God is infinite and perfect in every way and we are finite and imperfect in every way. (Psa. 51:17; Jas. 4:6).
      3. We must approach God with **reverence and obedience**.
        - a. **The 95<sup>th</sup> Psalm has this admonition.**

**PSA 95:6 Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. 7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

- b. This humility **must be accompanied by obedience.** (Eccles. 12:13; 1 Jn. 5:3).
- 4. We must approach God **in spirit and truth.** (Jn. 4:23, 24). The word “spirit” refers to the sprit of man - the inner man. The word “truth” refers to God’s revelation. True worship must come from the inner man and it must be according to God’s truth.
- 5. We must approach God with **“a joyful noise.”** As God’s children we should “make a joyful noise to” Him.
  - a. Worshiping God in faith , humility, reverence, obedience, spirit, truth does not exclude joy.
  - b. **Worship is a time of joy.** Those who worship God with a frown or with little joy or enthusiasm are not fully obeying God. Those who worship God without joy do not understand the greatness of our God nor do they have an appreciation for His wonderful blessings.

**6. Here are some alarming signs in regard to our worship to God.**

<b>We are to be happy. (Psa. 144:15) Not A Happy Person -</b> no sunshine in soul. Not a grateful person - <b>example of Potato farmer and man who sang “Victory In Jesus”</b>	<b>Dread services</b> - I really dread going to the dentist. Do not like to worship, do not worship enthusiastically.
<b>Frown in worship</b> - show no real joy or happiness Worship is not a funeral service. Jesus is not dead.	Ask , <b>“Do I have to attend worship services?”</b> “Surely once a week is enough.” “Surely attending now and then is ok.”
<b>Just go through the motions</b> - not is coming from the heart.	<b>God is the audience. We are the entertainers . Come to be entertained</b> - do not come to be a joyful worshiper. Do not come to encourage others.
<b>Counting the minutes until the service is over</b> - not joyfully singing - not recounting our blessings.	<b>All of these attitudes are a sign that a serious problem exist in us.</b>

II. **Serve (Worship) The Lord With Gladness** - The psalmist commands us to serve (worship) the Lord with gladness.

- A. Whether we are singing, whether we are praying, whether are partaking the sacred communion in memory of the One who died for us, whether we are listening to God’s word, whether we are giving of our blessings to God, we should do so with gladness.
- B. This gladness characterizes our attitude when we worship and it characterizes our attitude outside of worship.
  - 1. What a privilege it is to worship and serve the Maker of the universe - the All Powerful and Holy God of heaven.
  - 2. There is no greater privilege and there is no greater joy than worshiping and serving God.

III. **Come Before Him With Joyful Singing** - The psalmist says we are to come before Him with joyful singing.

- A. The Lord intends that our singing be jubilant and jubilant, joyful singing should permeate our services
- B. The New Testament teaches this jubilant singing should come from the heart. (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

1. We are taught to sing and make melody in our hearts.
2. True worship comes from the heart. True worship will be joyful because it is coming from a heart full of peace and love and forgiveness.

IV. **The Grounds For The Call** - The psalmist next gives the grounds for the call.

*He gives six powerful reasons or affirmations for the call.*

A. The first affirmation - **“The Lord is God.”**

1. The nations had many false gods who were in reality no gods at all.
2. The psalmist declares to all that “the Lord is God.” He is the one and only God, and men must worship Him only. (Exod. 20:2; Matt. 4:10).

B. The second affirmation - **“It is He who made us.”**

1. The psalmist knew we did not make ourselves.
2. God is the Creator. He is the One who formed us out of the dust of the earth and breathe into our nostrils the breathe of life. (Gen. 2:18-25).

C. The third affirmation is - **“We Are His people.”**

1. What a cause for thanksgiving.
2. **We are the people of God.** We are His people by creation and His people by redemption. God has redeemed us by the blood of the Lamb and adopted us into His family.

D. The fourth affirmation is - **“The Lord is good.”**

1. Men are good in a relative sense. Sometimes we say and do good things. But the best of men sin and do evil things.
2. **God is good in the absolute sense.** In God there is no evil. He hates evil and He is without darkness or sin.
3. He is good to us and will not withhold good things from us. (Psa. 84:11).

E. The fifth affirmation is - **“His kindness is everlasting.”**

1. God is not kind today and evil tomorrow.
2. It kindness is forever and forever.

F. The sixth affirmation is - **“His faithfulness endures to all generations.”**

1. Men are weak and fickle and often are unfaithful.
2. All of us have failed others. All of us have been disappointed by parents, or children or friends or others.
3. God’s faithfulness endures to all generations. He is all powerful and will without faith keep His

promises to us. (Heb. 13:5).

### Conclusion.

I. These six reasons or affirmations should be a powerful, an overwhelming motivation for us to be a thankful people. They will make us bubble over with joy and makes a joyful, thankful, humble, obedient people.

II. **Let us say as David did.** (Psa. 34:1).

III. **Let us keep in mind these awesome facts.**

A. **Without God we would not exist** and would be nothing and would have nothing.

B. **All blessings come from God.** (Jas. 1:17; Eph. 1:3).

C. We are **admonished to always give thanks.** The Lord **despises the grumbler**, but loves those with a grateful, thankful heart. (Phil. 4:6; 1 Thess. 5:16-18).

1. Above everything else we must be a thankful people who joyfully praise God for His blessings and shares these blessings with others.

2. May the words of the 100<sup>th</sup> psalm and the words of this poem be on our hearts and lips each day.

<i>For all the gifts Thou dost send, For every kind and loyal friend, For prompt supply of all my need, For all that's good in word or deed, For gift of health along life's way, For strength to work from day to day, I give Thee humble thanks.</i>	<i>For ready hands to help and cheer, For listening ears Thy voice to hear, For yielded tongue Thy love to talk, For willing feet Thy paths to walk, For open eyes Thy Word to read, For loving heart Thy will to heed, I give Thee humble thanks.</i>	<i>For Christ who came from Heaven above, For the Cross and His redeeming love, For His mighty power to seek and save, For His glorious triumph o'er the grave, For the lovely mansions in the sky, For His blessed coming by-and-by, I give Thee humble thanks.  Clifford Lewis</i>
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IV. **Brethren, I believe this is a great church. I believe it will be even a greater church when we fill our hearts and worship and service with gratitude and joy.** Those of us who are in Christ need to resolve, from this day forward, that we will be grateful and joyful in good and bad times. We will always manifest a spirit of joy and thanksgiving. **Those who are out of Christ are showing great ingratitude to God.** God gave His Son to die that you might be richly blessed in this life and in the life to come. Rejecting Christ is sneering at God's great love. It is sneering at this great blessing. We invite those all of Christ to come to God through Him. Come and confess your faith in Christ as the Son of God. Turn from your sins and be baptized for the remission of sins. Then come forth to live a grateful, loving, peaceful, joyful, humble, obedient life. Come as we stand and sing.

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