

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING – PSALM 100

I. SHOUTING JOYFULLY TO THE LORD – Verse 1

- A. Lord is from the Hebrew word translated as Yahweh, which is God's formal name.
- B. Shouting joyfully - raising a shout, jubilant shouting. This means being unashamed of God, unhindered in our praise, uninhibited in our affection for God. People get excited about worldly things, and should we not be excited about God, and tell Him that?
- C. Every single person in the world should be super-excited about the Lord, and be joyfully shouting to Him.

II. SERVING THE LORD – Verse 2

- A. We are bond-slaves, and therefore, we are to be working for God, and serving Him, and this is one way that we are to worship God.
- B. We are to serve the Lord gladly, willingly and joyfully. What a privilege to serve God, to work for Him, the Lord of the universe. Colossians 3:17, 23

III. COMING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE WITH SINGING – Verse 2

We are to come to God, to enter into His presence, and sing to Him. It is to be joyful singing, delightful singing, triumphant singing, coming from a heart that is full of joy and praise for God. We are to shout to the Lord, serve the Lord and sing to the Lord.

IV. WHY SHOULD WE SHOUT, SERVE AND SING TO THE LORD? Verse 3

- A. Because the Lord is God, He is Elohim, He is mighty, great and sovereign, and deserves all our praise and service. Isaiah 46:9, Daniel 4:35
- B. Because God is our Creator, He wonderfully made us. Genesis 1:26
- C. Because we are His people. As Christians, we are especially His people. He is our Father, and we are His children, purchased and owned by God, and therefore, very special to Him. Revelation 21:7, 1 Peter 2:9
- D. Because we are the sheep of His pasture. The Lord Himself is our shepherd, and meets our needs, cares for our souls, comforts us, and has compassion on us. Psalm 23

V. BEING THANKFUL TO GOD AND PRAISING HIM – Verse 4

A. We are to come into God's presence with thanksgiving. We are not talking about the action of our body, but the action of our soul. Hebrews 4:16

B. Every time we seek the Lord and pray to Him, we are to be thankful. We are to recognize that God is God, and that all we have that is good is from God. Colossians 1:3, 1:11-12, 2:7, 3:16-17, 4:2

C. We are to be thankful to God for what He does, His work, and His actions on our behalf, and for who He is, His character.

D. When you thank God for what He does, then you will more clearly see who He is. Thanking God for what He does leads you to thank Him for who He is, which then leads to the next point, giving praise to God. Psalm 9:1-2

VI. WHY SHOULD WE THANK GOD AND GIVE PRAISE TO HIM? Verse 5

A. God is good. He is full of goodness, infinitely good, and eternally good. He is pleasant, agreeable and does that which is a benefit to you, a blessing to you. Everything God gives us and does for us is good, and for our good. Genesis 1

B. God is loving, a word that means kind, good, merciful and showing favor. God is our heavenly Father, and He is always showing us His kindness, His mercy and goodness, and He will keep doing this forever and ever. Psalm 23:6

C. God is faithful, which means He is steadfast, loyal, trustworthy, consistent, firm and unwavering. He's true to His word, His promises and His character. It's hard to trust man, but you can always trust God. He is always there for you – He will never leave you or forsake you. Proverbs 20:6, Psalm 89, Hebrews 13:5-7

D. We are to worship God because He is good, loving and faithful. We are to worship God because He is our God, He made us, we are His people, and He takes care of us.

I WILL EXTOL YOU, MY GOD, O KING,
AND I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER.
EVERY DAY I WILL BLESS YOU,
AND I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER.

Psalm 145:1-2