

Let Us Offer Praise and Thanksgiving to God
(Psalm 100)

Introduction:

1. On our 5th anniversary we are especially mindful of God's blessings.
2. This is an appropriate time to study Psalm 100.
3. The main lesson to learn from this Psalm is: "Let us offer praise and thanksgiving to God."

Discussion:

- I. (vs.1-3) GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO OFFER PRAISE TO HIM
 - A. (vs.1-2) 3 statements show how God's people are to praise Him:
 1. *"make a joyful noise unto the Lord"*
 2. *"serve the Lord with gladness"* (see Psalm 122:1)
 3. *"come before His presence with singing."*
 - B. Many of the psalms begin with similar appeals (95:1; 96:1; 98:1).
 - C. (vs.3) 3 statements show why God deserves praise:
 1. *"the Lord He is God"* (see Psalm 95:3-5)
 2. *"He has made us, and not we ourselves"* (see Psalm 95:6)
 3. *"we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture"* (see Psalm 23).
 - a. (vs.1a) David had made the Lord his Shepherd.
 - b. He listed 12 blessings he enjoyed as a result of making the Lord his Shepherd.
 - 1) Contentment: *"I shall not want"*
 - 2) Providential care: *"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures"*
 - 3) Peace: *"He leadeth me beside the still waters"*
 - 4) Restoration: *"He restoreth [turns back] my soul"*
 - 5) Direction: *"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake"*
 - 6) Courage: *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil"*
 - 7) Companionship: *"Thou art with me"*
 - 8) Comfort: *"Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me"*
 - 9) Favor: *"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil"*
 - 10) Abundance: *"My cup runneth over"*
 - 11) Assurance: *"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life"*
 - 12) Immortality: *"I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."*
- II. (vs.4-5) GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO OFFER THANKSGIVING TO HIM
 - A. (vs.4) 2 statements show how God's people are to give Him thanks:
 1. *"enter into His gates with thanksgiving"*
 2. *"be thankful unto Him."*
 - B. Many of the psalms contain similar appeals (105:1; 106:1; 107:1).
 - C. (vs.5) 3 statements show why God deserves thanksgiving:
 1. *"the Lord is good"*
 2. *"His mercy is everlasting"* (see Psalm 103:8, 11)
 3. *"His truth endureth to all generations."*

Conclusion:

1. Praise and thanksgiving have always been important elements in the service that God desires from His people.
2. The Israelites -- Psalm 100 shows us that the Israelites were to serve and worship God with praise and thanksgiving.
3. Christians -- See Ephesians 5:19-20; Hebrews 13:15
4. On the basis of these principles, let us offer praise and thanksgiving to God continually!