

Let Us Search Psalm 100 to Learn about Worship
(Psalm 100)

Introduction:

1. This morning we searched the Scriptures to help us learn about "worship."
2. This evening we are continuing the same theme -- "let us search Psalm 100 to learn about worship."

Discussion:

- I. PSALM 100 BEGINS WITH AN APPEAL FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO OFFER HIM PRAISE (vs.1-3)
 - A. Three statements in vs.1-2 indicate that God's people are to give Him praise:
 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 statements (95:1; 96:1).
 - C. Three statements in vs.3 show us 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."*
 - a. (Psalm 23:1a) David recognized the Lord as his Shepherd.
 - b. David continued in Psalm 23:1b-6 by showing how the Lord blessed him as his Shepherd.
 - D. We learn from Psalm 100:1-3 that God's people are to praise Him with joy and gladness, and we are given several reasons why He deserves to be praised.
- II. PSALM 100 ALSO CONTAINS AN APPEAL FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO OFFER HIM THANKS (vs.4-5)
 - A. Two statements in vs.4 indicate that God's people are to give Him thanks:
 1. *"enter into His gates with thanksgiving"*
 2. *"be thankful unto Him."*
 - B. Notice that being thankful is connected with entering into God's courts with praise and blessing His name.
 - C. Three statements in vs.5 show us why God deserves our thanksgiving:
 1. *"the Lord is good"*
 2. *"His mercy is everlasting"* (see Psalm 103:8, 11)
 3. *"His truth endureth to all generations."*
 - D. We learn from vs.4-5 that God's people are to offer thanks to Him, and we are given several reasons why He deserves our gratitude.

Conclusion:

1. In John 4:23-24, Jesus taught that the Father seeks true worshippers to worship Him.
2. According to Psalm 100, true worshippers:
 - a. offer praise to the Lord with joy and gladness because He is God, He is our Maker, and He is our Shepherd
 - b. express thanks to the Lord for His goodness, His mercy, and His truth.