

## Thanksgiving in the Psalms

### Introduction:

1. The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 poems, songs, and prayers that were composed over a long period of time by a number of writers.
2. Jesus indicated in Luke 24:44 that the Psalms are part of the Old Testament Scriptures.
3. Consequently, the Psalms "*were written for our learning*" (Romans 15:4).
4. Studying the Psalms will enable us to gain knowledge on a wide variety of subjects.
5. "Thanksgiving" is a subject that is addressed throughout the Psalms.
6. In our lesson we are examining a number of verses in the Psalms that reveal several important principles concerning "thanksgiving."
7. The first principle we are considering is that . . .

### Discussion:

- I. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO BE THANKFUL TO HIM
  - A. God's people will thank Him continually (79:13).
  - B. Giving thanks to God is "*a good thing*" (92:1).
  - C. "*The righteous*" will surely give thanks to God (140:13).
  - D. The Psalms also reveal many reasons why God's people are to be thankful to Him.
- II. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO BE THANKFUL TO HIM BECAUSE OF:
  - A. His "*holiness*" (97:12)
  - B. His "*works*" (107:21-22)
  - C. His "*righteous judgments*" (119:62)
  - D. His "*deliverance*" (18:47-50)
  - E. His "*mercy*" (136:1-3, 26).
  - F. There are many reasons why gratitude is to be expressed to God at all times; however, . . .
- III. GOD'S PEOPLE ARE TO BE THANKFUL TO HIM IN WORSHIP
  - A. The Psalms mention thanks being given to God:
    1. at His "*altar*" (26:6-7)
    2. "*in the great congregation*" (35:18)
    3. in His "*gates*" and "*courts*" (100:4)
    4. in "*the house of the Lord*" (122:1-4).
  - B. More specifically, thanksgiving is associated with "singing."
    1. 30:4
    2. 69:30
    3. 95:1-3
    4. 105:1-2