

"THE BOOK OF PSALMS" - Book IV (90-106)
Psalm 100 – June 2, 2021
"Grateful Praise"

Summary: *Just as songs and hymns play an important role in Christian liturgy, many suggest that the psalms played a major role in the Israelite liturgy. Theologian Walter Brueggemann asserts that in the psalms are Israel's expression of hurt and hope, and that the two hold each other in tension. The hurt is embedded among the stories of their past, and their hope is signaled by what the Lord has already done and what he will continue to do. So as Israel remembers their hurt and clings to their hope the psalmists often interject a psalm of praise or thanksgiving.*

Psalm 100 is a hymn of praise, one of the most common expressions among all the psalms. Many of its elements can be found in the Doxology that we sing regularly in worship. It is marked by a summons, then a series of imperative commands, and finally the reason for participating in the summons and obeying the commands. Thankfulness is at the heart of a worshipper. When we come to worship, we cannot help but thank God for who God is and what God has done. This study should remind us of the role of thankfulness in worship in our encounter with God.

Outline:

- I. A Call to Give Thanks (vv.1-2)
- II. Celebration of the Covenant (v.3)
- III. A Call to Give Thanks (v.4)
- IV. Celebration of the Covenant (v.5)

Q & A:

1. What does worship mean to you? How do you "worship" the Lord?
2. What is your joyful song?
3. According to this psalm, who is God and what is God like?
4. This psalm also tells us about ourselves. According to this psalm, who are we?
5. What things are we invited to do in response to God?
6. What does it mean to "Bless the Lord"? We hear it often enough, but what does it mean?
7. Re-write Psalm 100 in your own words.

Ps 100 (NKJV): A Song of Praise for the LORD's Faithfulness to His People, A Psalm of Thanksgiving.

¹Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him and bless His name.

⁵For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

