

An Attitude of Gratitude

Psalm 100

Introduction:

1. Luke 17:11-17 - Great lesson on the power and mercy of Jesus. Another lesson is on gratitude. Ten men were cured of leprosy, but only one gave thanks. Jesus praised one and rebuked the others because of their ingratitude.
 2. God wants us to be grateful, to express our gratitude and count our blessings.
 3. 100th Psalm is one of the greatest Psalms of Thanksgiving.
 - a. It is believed the Jews sang this hymn as they entered through the temple gates.
 - b. The Psalm has a “Call for Worship,” and a “Grounds for the Call.”
- I. **Shout** - “Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.”
- A. The whole earth is called to worship God. No one is excluded, everyone is commanded to worship the Lord.
 - B. Right Attitude and Right Motives when we approach God.
 1. We must approach God with **faith** - unwavering, trusting and confident (Hebrews 11:6)
 2. We must approach God with **humility** - We must recognize God is infinite and perfect in every way and we, on the other hand, are finite and imperfect (Psalm 51:17; James 4:6)
 3. We must approach God with **reverence and obedience**
 - a) Psalm 95:6
 - b) Humility must be accompanied by obedience (Ecclesiastes 12:13; 1 John 5:3).
 4. We must approach God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). The worshipper must worship with the heart and in God’s truth (not man’s truth).
 5. We must approach God with a **joyful noise**. We should want to sing joyfully. Worship should be a time of **joy**.
- II. **Serve (worship) the Lord with gladness.**
- A. In all acts of worship we should do so with gladness of heart.
 - B. We are to worship God outside of the church setting, too - with gladness.
- III. **Come before Him with Joyful Singing** -The psalmist we are to come before Him with joyful singing.
- A. The Lord intends for our singing to be joyful, jubilant and, that should permeate in our entire worship services.

Thanksgiving

B. This joyful singing comes from the heart (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). This should be an outward expression of God's grace in our lives.

IV. **The Grounds for the Call** -Six reasons for the call to worship

A. The Lord is God

1. The nations had many false god's.
2. There is only one true God (Exodus 20:2; Matthew 4:10).

B. It is He who made us

1. The psalmist understood his role in the creation process, he was created by the One True God, the Creator.
2. Genesis 2:18-25

C. We are His People - Keep things in perspective, we are God's (the Creator, the One True God) people. He gave us His Son to bear the guilt of our sins. (1 Peter 2:24)

D. The Lord is Good

1. Man can be good, have good intentions, but in the end, man will sin and let each other down.
2. God is good in the absolute sense and will never sin or let us down. (Psalm 84:11)

E. His Kindness is Everlasting

1. God is not kind today and mean the next.
2. He is kind always, everlasting.

F. His faithfulness endures to all generations

1. Men are weak and fickle and are often unfaithful.
2. All of us have failed others...we have all disappointed someone in our lives.
3. God, however, has never let us or anyone down, ever, in any generation!
4. God will always keep His promises (Hebrews 13:5).

Conclusion:

1. Psalm 34:1
2. All blessings come from God (James 1:17; Ephesians 1:3)
3. In everything, in every situation, and for everything we ought to give thanks to the Lord (Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
4. Thanksgiving is a lifestyle for a lifetime for the life of the Son of God!