



“Five Keys To Giving Thanks”

Psalm 100:1-5

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INTRODUCTION

What Do You Think of When You Think of Thanksgiving?

Let’s look at Psalm 100:1-5

In this Psalm, we find five key words that describe the essence of thanksgiving. The first word is:

I. JOY - Psalm 100:1

We don’t have problems shouting at a football game, but we very seldom raise our voice in church. The story was told by one preacher he said to his congregation; **“I remember a few years ago when some of you got shook up here in church. I was preaching along and the Spirit of God was extremely powerful that day. One gentleman was so moved that morning that he let out a shout. He just yelled out in the middle of the service. It shook some of you up. Good!”**

"Shout" is an American popular song, originally recorded by the Isley Brothers. Released in 1959, it was written by the brothers themselves. Later a British band Tears for Fears, released another version in the UK of the titled song in November 1984”;

“Shout, Shout Let it all out These are the things I can do without Come on, I'm talking to you Come on”

Our lives are meant to be a joyful call to God. God wants us to get excited about who He is. I know who has victory – Praise be to God on high! I need to shout joyfully because God has won the victory. **We need to be filled with joy and shout about it.**

II. GLADNESS – Psalm 100:2

There is a huge difference between gladness and sadness.

Gladness – happiness, Sadness – The Blues, Gladness – Cheerfulness, Sadness – Gloom, Gladness – Delight, Sadness – Melancholy which is down hearted, miserable, and gloomy

When we come before the Lord – we are to do it with gladness not sadness. There are times when people come to church on Sunday morning worship almost like they are coming to a funeral service. I’ll tell you the truth – we need to come in here on Sunday morning like we are coming into a resurrection service. My Lord has risen from the dead. I need to celebrate that fact. Because you see:

**I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He’s always near.
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me, along life’s narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives: He lives within my heart.***

III. DEPENDENCE – Psalm 100:3

This verse shows three roles of God:

- 1) **God is LORD** - We are to make Him ruler, master, boss of our lives. God is God and we are NOT. God told Moses, **“I AM WHO I AM”** Exodus 3:14 (NAS) . Listen, we have no more control over God then you do the weather. **God is God and we are not.**

- 2) **God is CREATOR** - If you create something, you are greater than what you have created. You have every right over that which you have made. **“It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves”** Psalm 100:3b (NKJV)
- 3) God is SHEPHERD - Psalm 100:3 (NKJV) - God guides us to the place of security, plenty and rest.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul.” Psalm 23:1-3 (NKJV)

Someone has rightly said,

**If we are created, He is the Creator.
 If we are sheep, He is our Shepherd.
 If we enter His courts, He is our King.
 If we serve Him, He is our Master.**

I am dependent on God. He created even the air that I breath. He knows every hair on my head. He knows every beat of my heart. I thank HIM for being God - I am dependent on Him.

IV. THANKFULNESS – Psalm 100:4

A. “With”

Note Psalm 95:1-2; 116:16-17

- B. “With”** - used to say that people or things are together in one place, used to say that two or more people or things are doing something together or are involved in something. Used as a function word to indicate a participant in an action, transaction, or arrangement.

Note Psalm 100:4 again.

Thanksgiving is what flows out of a thankful HEART. You can’t give thanks unless you are thankful.

V. GRATITUDE – Psalm 100:5

A. Three reasons to be grateful:

- 1) The Lord is GOOD**
- 2) The Lord’s mercy is EVERLASTING**
- 3) The Lord’s truth endures FOREVER**

Note the following;

Romans 11:33-36 The Message (MSG)

**Have you ever come on anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God, this deep, deep wisdom? It’s way over our heads. We’ll never figure it out. Is there anyone around who can explain God?
 Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do?**

Anyone who has done him such a huge favor that God has to ask his advice? Everything comes from him; Everything happens through him; Everything ends up in him. Always glory! Always praise!

CLOSING

Our praise, our thanksgiving and our worship needs to directed to God. We need to be thankful for what He has done. I want you to notice something about Psalm 100 – in its short five verses – look at how many times God mentioned or referred to.

Note our text Psalm 100:1-5 Lets read it again:

**This Thanksgiving – with all the preparations, events and excitement – my prayer – is that God is thanked – with joy and gladness – with thankfulness and gratitude – and with a heart dependent on Him.
 *Words by Alfred H. Ackley.**

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