

Psalm 100

"A Procession to the Temple, Calling for Universal, Joyful Praise to Yahweh for His Faithful, Loyal Love to His People"

A Psalm for Thanksgiving

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A1 A JOYFUL PROCESSION 100:1-3¹

B1 The Call for Praise to Yahweh! 100:1

- C1 The imperative form of praise: Shout
- C2 The emotion in praise: joyfully
- C3 The object of praise: to the LORD [Yahweh]
- C4 Those called to praise: all the earth.²

B2 The Call to Serve Yahweh! 100:2

- C1 The function of praise: Serve
- C2 The object of praise: the LORD
- C3 The attitude of praise: with gladness;
- C4 The purpose of praise: Come before Him³
- C5 The mode of praise: with joyful singing.

¹ "This first call to worship may well have been rendered by a choir outside the Temple precincts." (Two major headings and quote from *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary*, Pfeiffer and Harrison, 532.)

² 100:1 - all the earth: Meaning, all the people of the earth.

³ God wants us to praise Him because He wants our fellowship. Fellowship on any level is impossible unless one accords another his true worth and respect!

B3 The Reason for Praise 100:3

- C1 The call to know the identity of Yahweh! (He is the all-powerful God!)
Know that the LORD Himself is God;
- C2 The call to recognize Yahweh as Creator! It is He who has made us, and
not we ourselves;
- C3 The call to perceive Yahweh as Owner! *We are* His people
- C4 The call to appreciate Yahweh as Shepherd! and the sheep of His pasture.

A2 A THANKFUL ENTRY 100:4-5 ⁴

B1 The Renewed Call to Praise! 100:4

- C1 The entrance of thanksgiving: Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
- C2 The expansion of praise: And His courts with praise.
- C3 The mode of praise: Give thanks to Him,
- C4 The honor of praise: and bless His name.

B2 The Reasons for Praise 100:5

- C1 The statement of Yahweh's essential character: For the LORD is good;
- C2 The examples of Yahweh's character
 - D1 His eternal loyal love: His lovingkindness is everlasting
 - D2 His available truth: And His faithfulness to all generations.⁵

EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 100

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⁴ "This second call to worship may well have been the invitation by a choir within the Temple precincts. The worshipers, approaching the gates, were invited to continue their worship by entering the gates and then the courts." (*The Wycliffe Bible Commentary*, Pfeiffer and Harrison, 532.)

⁵ One is reminded that Yahweh's truth not only endures to all generations, but it is thus available to all generations. In Romans 1:20 we are told that the invisible things concerning God – His eternal power and Godhead – are so clearly seen from nature that all of mankind is without excuse!