

## Psalm 100

### Joyously Knowing and Praising the God Who Made Us His Own

**Tuesday, August 29, 2023 • Read Psalm 100**

*Questions from the Scripture text: What sort of Psalm does the superscript call this? What does v1 command to be made? What sort of shout? To Whom? Who are to make it? What command does v2a give? Serve Whom? In what manner? What command does v2b give? Come where? With what? What does v3a command? Know Whom? That He is Whom? That He has made what (v3b)? Who didn't make them? Into what relation with God does His making bring us (v3c)? What other relation do we have with Him? What command does v4a give? Enter where? Whose gates? With what? Enter where else (v4b)? Whose courts? With what? What command does v4c give? Thankful to Whom? By blessing what? Why—for which attribute of His in v5a? And which attribute in v5b? What about His covenant love ("mercy")? And which attribute in v5c? What about His faithfulness ("truth")?*

**When all earth finally comes to YHWH, what shall they do?** Psalm 100 looks forward to the opening portion of morning public worship on the coming Lord's Day. In these five verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **all earth must come and worship YHWH in a manner appropriate to their relationship to Him and to the character that He has displayed in bringing us into that relationship.**

In the Holy Spirit's arrangement of the Psalms into the order in which He brought them to us, this Psalm follows several Psalms that look forward to the praise of the last day, when redeemed from all the nations praise the Lord upon His coming to judge the world. It is the conclusion to a section of worship Psalms (Ps 93–100). What are the redeemed to do, when He comes? We are to worship! Indeed, all worship assemblies of God's people are dress-rehearsals for this. So, let us pay good attention to the instruction given here.

**Worship Him in a particular manner,** v1–3a. Shout joyously. Serve. Come. Know. These are the actions of worship commanded here. The verb for the shouting is one that includes the idea of joy. The next two verbs have a manner added to them "with gladness" and "with singing."

But how are we to summon such intense joy? Some of us perhaps have been in situations where this was attempted by lighting, or greeting, or melody, or a collective effort of the people gathered to summon joy from within, but the final command in this section gives the key to true worship-joy: "Know!" Know YHWH. Know that He is God.

The proper manner of worship is not man-induced joy but God-induced joy. Joy that is springs from knowledge of the object of our worship. Joy that that springs from knowing the Person Whom we worship. Don't just come to think about Him. Don't just come to address Him. Come to know Him; come to interact with Him.

**Worship Him as a particular people,** v3b–4. The joy of our worship comes not only from knowing YHWH as God but from knowing Him as our Maker and Redeemer. Our failure to praise and thank Him (cf. Rom 1:21) is so foolish. It is as if we think that we have made ourselves. So the Psalm reminds us of something that should be obvious: we did not make ourselves! He made us.

But He has done more than make us. The singers of this Psalm, the offerers of this worship, are His covenant people. Not just "His people" as those made by Him but "His people" as those pastured by Him, those *pastored* by Him. Oh, there is joy in knowing YHWH as God, but how great is that joy when we do this "knowing Him" as those who are His sheep! There's a double image in v4 for the worshipers as they gather to God: not just the sheep of v4 being brought into the fold by the hand of the shepherd, but also subjects entering the gate/court of a King.

In Hebrew, as in English, the last word of v4 is "His Name." He has given these sheep, these subjects, to know Him by Name. He has brought them near and divulged Himself to them. Do you see what a great thing it is to worship God in the assembly of His people? He brings us near and makes Himself known to us! This is what fuels the thanksgiving, praise, and blessing.

**Worship Him for particular attributes,** v5. The three lines in the conclusion to this Psalm highlight three attributes: goodness, covenant love, and faithfulness. To know the Lord and draw near to Him as He makes Himself known to us is to know His attributes, His perfections, His glories. In particular, His goodness, love, and faithfulness have displayed themselves in His redeeming us and gathering us. So, every time we are gathered to worship Him, these three are on spectacular display. An entire devotional, indeed an entire book or a world of books, could be given to each attribute. Such is the character of the God to Whom we gather, the character of the God Who gathers us to Himself. And He is worthy of this worship!

Where should your joy be coming from, when you gather for public worship on the Lord's Day? So, what will you set your mind and heart upon? What is happening in the worship service? What three attributes of God are always on particular and spectacular display? How is He presenting them to you? How will you receive and respond?

*Sample prayer: Lord, we rejoice to worship You. Thank You for gathering us to Yourself for that worship now. You made us. You redeemed us for Yourself. You shepherd us. And when You gather us to Yourself, You show Yourself abounding in goodness and steadfast love and faithfulness that are from everlasting to everlasting. So grant us thankfulness from Your Spirit, by which we may praise You through Your Son, through Whom we ask it, AMEN!*

**Suggested songs: ARP100 "All Earth, With Joy" or TPH100B "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

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Psalm 100. A psalm of thanksgiving. Make a joyful shout to your way. All you lands serve your way with gladness Come before his presence with singing. Know that y'all say he is god. It is he who has made us. And not we ourselves.

We are his people. And the sheep of his pasture. Then turn into his gates with thanksgiving. And into his courts with praise, be thankful to him and bless his name. For y'all pay as good. His mercy is everlasting. And his truth endorse. To all generations. Amen.

Well, this concludes a section from psalm 93 to psalm 100. Of. Phrase, psalms worse, worship, psalms especially for corporate worship. And the last several, Especially. For the worship of all lands, all nations. When the lord comes as judge and righteousness. What we now, call the second coming. For the lord has come the first time.

Not to judge the world. Not to condemn the world to put that the world through him might be saved. And so, the lord jesus. Is coming again. And every time then his people gather for worship We have a dress rehearsal. Of the praise that we shall offer in the last day.

The praise that we will offer. For all eternity. This particular psalm is full of worship commands. It commands us to worship him in a particular manner. Let me see that in verses 1 and 2 and 4. It commands us to worship him as a particular people. And we'll see that, especially In verse 3.

And a little bit in verse 1. And it commands us to worship him for. Particular attributes or characteristics. And we say that, especially In verse 5. So first, we're going to worship him in a particular manner. How are we supposed to worship god? Loudly. But not just the loudness of mouth with the loudness of our hearts.

A joyful. Shout. It's one verb and it refers. To joy that is so great that it overflows in a shout. We should be so glad about god, when we come to worship that, we are unwilling to sing songs and which we moved. We're unwilling to eat our words, and And sing halfheartedly so that we can't hear ourselves alone.

The person next to us, hear us. How would they be able to obey? Matter, how would we be able to obey the instruction to admonish one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that we can't either one another anyway. Well, hopefully obey this Make a joyful. Shout it should be loud.

And it should be happy. Serve you always with gladness. And yes, there should be singing in worship. He has given singing, so that it would be loud and so that it would be glad This is one of the great purposes. We should be glad and all of the worship, but god makes us to sing.

Come before his presence with singing. Not just over him but over what he has done. These two things are combined thanksgiving in verse 4. Um, be thankful to him in verse 4. Thankfulness for what he has done. And, Joyous over, who he is. In his courts with praise. And bless his name.

So, we rejoice over Who he is and what he has done. So that's worshipping god. In a particular way, it doesn't mean by the way. That you have a loud sound system or loud people on stage. And the congregation is quiet. No, it means. All of us, all you lands.

He says in verse 1 and that brings us to worshipping him as a particular people. Because when he says, all you lands in verse 1, he then pairs it with Ourselves, being the people who know him. Verse 3, this is also part. Of how to worship him in a particular way, but it has to do with us.

Being the people who know him, the people who have been brought into relationship within, this isn't just no about him. When we come to worship, we are commanded to know. God here is the amazing thing. The living god, the creator has given to a few of his creatures. Well and innumerable multitude but Um, from among the whole creation, a few of his creatures that we might know him that we might have fellowship with him.

And so there's a command to come and interact with god for your soul to have dealings with god. In his worship even now of course in the family worship. Should never just go through exercises. But Should hear the words of god, and Receive them and ask him to help you and everything.

He says about himself. He praise him for Um, and so forth. So we have dealings with god as those whom he has brought to himself. Not just, His making us. As creatures it is he who made us and not we ourselves that's true. We didn't make ourselves as creatures.

That's pretty obvious, isn't it? But it's talking about him making us his people. We do not make ourselves his people. The reason we can know him is because he decided to save us because he brought us into a relationship with himself. We should be so amazing that he has done this.

More amazed than the little slave girl who gets chosen by the king to be the bride for his son, the prince. And she becomes the princess and one day the queen. And every time she has interaction with her father, the king and her husband, the prince. And then the king, she would be amazed.

She didn't make your put herself in that position. He did. How much more? When the living god has brought us to know him. And it wasn't we? Who made ourselves as people, he made us his people. We are his people and the sheep. Of his pasture. He leads us, he cares for us.

He knows us. He provides for us. In fact. The end of verse 3 and the beginning of verse 4, How is a double image? Not just gates and courts. Where you would enter a city with the gate or you would Enter into the The. Presence of the king who talks about his courts, it's not just It's not just an outdoor place, it can even be an indoor place, the king's court is where he holds court.

And so that's one image. But when it talks about, sheep entering a gate, The other image is of the sheep coming in one by one. The shepherd making sure that not one of them is missing. He knows each of them, he's counted them, he cares for them. And psalm 100 is describing god being like that with us.

Our congregation isn't very big, but even in our congregation, You might feel like you're just one about. Among many and it wouldn't be a big deal if you were missing, it would be a big deal to god. We are the sheep of his pasture. He watches over as each of us entered.

And we should be so amazed that he has taken us to be here. So amazed at the love that he pays individually to every member of his church. That we come with gladness and joy and thanksgiving. To such a god. And so we come as a particular people. Well, not only are we to worship in a particular way and to come as a particular people.

But we come to worship him especially for particular attributes. We worship them for all of his attributes. It's justice, is holiness is wrath. Which is really part of his justice and expression of justice and holiness. But here he lists three that are, especially on display when he gathers to himself, a people that he has saved by his grace, not about not by what they have done.

He created, he made them his people not by what they have done, but by what he has done so that they could gather to him and be glad as those who belong to him. And the three great things he displays are his goodness, verse 5a for yahai is good.

His class said his steadfast. Love. His covenanted. Love translated here mercy, but it's the word i said, in verse 5b his asset has ever lasting. We are never going to stop worshipping him for this weird. Never going to stop being amazed, it will never get old. It will never get boring.

And his mate, and his truth. Same thing, indoors. To all generations. And so, they'll never be a time when we say when we say, oh, Oh, we've heard about god's goodness and And song about his covenant, love and Praised him for his truth for. Couple hundred. Googleplex years. And, No.

Even then. We will still rejoice over these attributes of god. That we will plumb the depths of forever and never reach the bottom. So how we must how much we ought? To rejoice over his goodness and his covenant love and his faithfulness. Every time we come to worship. Because, whatever else is in the passages that we read.

Just the fact that we are his and that he's gathering us to himself. Shows his goodness. And it's covenant love. And as faithfulness, This is the praise that is due to him. And i dare say this is what we need, continual continual reminding of for ourselves. Such as the generosity of god.

That he would so design such worship as this. And then let's pray that he would help us to follow such good commands. Our grace is god and our heavenly father, we pray that you had make us glad to worship you glad to worship you individually, glad to worship you as a family and especially And the gathering and the lord's day, when there are people from many lands.

It have been taken as the sheep of your pasture. That you'd fill our. Hearts with gladness and our mouths of glad shouting and song. We pray that you would make us to know ourselves as your particular people whom you made to be your people. We pray that you would show forth your goodness and covenant love and faithfulness.

Not just making them ring in our ears, but resound in our hearts. That we would know you in the worship and that we would know you. As this god of goodness and love and faithfulness. Granted we ask oh lord, especially in these days of our weakness. Until we come to the day.

When our joy is like, christ's joy and it is full. And we worship you perfectly forever. Give us to have dress rehearsals for that throughout our lives. We ask day by day, in the home week by week and the assembly in jesus name. Amen.