

## **A Study in Psalms**

Lesson 3

Psalm 100

April 23, 2023

### **The Decorated God**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Psalm 100 is one of the shortest Psalms, but it is packed with simple praises to the Lord. Even before the first verse, Psalm 100 is described as being “for grateful praise.”

This Psalm alternates between describing the praiseworthiness of the Lord and our worthy response to Him.

As you read and study this passage, pause, think, and pray about your daily worship. Are you approaching Jesus with joyful prayer and thanksgiving every day? Or, is your worship reserved for just Sunday mornings?

***Memory verse: “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”—Psalm 100:1-2***

Pray, and read Psalm 100. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

## **OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?**

1. Read through the passage, and list all the verbs that describe how we should respond to God. (Psalm 100:1-5)
2. What emotions should accompany our worship and songs? (Psalm 100:2)
3. How should we enter His gates and courts? (Psalm 100:4)
4. What attributes do we know about God from this passage? List as many attributes or descriptors that you can find in this passage. (Psalm 100:1-5)

## **INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?**

1. What do you think it means for the earth to shout for joy to the Lord? (Psalm 100:1)
2. Verse 4 connects thankfulness with praise. How are these two things related to each other? (Psalm 100:4, 136:1-3; Ephesians 5:19-20)
3. What does this passage tell us about how (or if) we can approach God? Why is this significant? That is, what difference does it make that He wants us to draw close to Him? (Psalm 100:2, 4)

4. What does this passage tell us about how a church body should worship? Pay particular attention to verse 3. (Psalm 100:1-5)

**APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?**

1. Think about your daily comings and goings over the last two to three days. Have you praised the Lord in your daily worship and prayer as described in Psalm 100? Why or why not?

2. What have you learned about true worship from reading this passage? Pray for a few minutes and then write down three ways that your daily worship will be different because of reading and meditating on this passage.
  
3. Read through Psalm 100 again, but this time read it out loud and read it with the enthusiasm and tone of voice that you think the author (probably David) intended it to be read. How does that change the impact of the passage? Do the same thing with the memory verse. After you memorize it, repeat it a few times throughout the day with different tones of voice and emphases.