

100. MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH: Psalm 100

INTRODUCTION. "There is nothing worse than an ingrate" (Acie Charles Baggett).

BOYS AND GIRLS [explain and repeat].

ALL: You know it is true. Why do you and I instinctively know it is horrible when someone does not say thank you? Why did U.S. Vice President Vance go viral for pressing Ukrainian President Zelensky with, "HAVE YOU SAID THANK YOU, ONCE?" The reason you and I know it is wrong to be an ingrate, to be unthankful, is because God has written His Law on our heart. **Romans 1:21-24** "21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up. . ."

It is great sin to be an ingrate, and precious righteousness to be thankful!

- **BAXTER:** "Ingratitude sickens the heart, and chills and thickens the very life's blood of benevolence." — **Baxter, Richard. *The Practical Works of Richard Baxter*. Vol. 3. London: George Virtue, 1838, 456.**

That brings us straight to our text of Scripture for this Lord's Day—Psalm 100.

CON(TEXT).

- "*A Psalm for giving thanks.*" *No other Psalm has this title!
- **PLUMER.** "The Arabic [translation] gives David as author. This is probably but not certainly correct. There is nothing in it forbidding us to regard the sweet singer of Israel as the composer." — **Plumer, William Swan. *Studies in the Book of Psalms* (pp. 1615-1616). *Counted Faithful*. Kindle Edition.**
 - **Psalm 100**
A Psalm for giving thanks.
1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
2 Serve (worship) the Lord with *gladness*!
Come into his presence with singing!
3 *Know* that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
5 For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

- **HENRY:** “It is with good reason that many sing this psalm very frequently in their religious assemblies.” — **Matthew Henry, Complete Commentary on the Bible, Psalm 100**

DOCTRINE. All the earth should make a joyful noise to the Lord, thanking Him for His mercy.

OUTLINE.

- I. **YOU SHOULD THANK THE LORD THROUGH SINGING** (Psalm 100:4, 1a).
- II. **HOW YOU SHOULD THANK THE LORD THROUGH SINGING** (Psalm 100:1-3).
- III. **WHY YOU SHOULD THANK THE LORD THROUGH SINGING** (Psalm 100:5).
- IV. **WHO ALL SHOULD THANK THE LORD THROUGH SINGING** (Psalm 100:1b).

I. YOU SHOULD THANK THE LORD THROUGH SINGING (Psalm 100:1a, 4).

Title: “A Psalm for giving thanks.”

Psalm 100:1a “Make a joyful noise to the Lord,”

Psalm 100:4

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!”

QUESTION. When and where should I thank the Lord through singing?

FIVE ANSWERS.

1. **[Thank the Lord through song] in Private.** David, alone in Psalm 144, resolves, “I will sing a new song to you, O God; upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you” (**Psalm 144:9**). In solitude, he lifts his voice, a personal anthem of devotion. Sing in private—let your heart’s song rise to God when none but He hears, as David exemplifies.

2. **[Thank the Lord through song] with Your Household. Psalm 118:15** proclaims, “Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.” The psalmist envisions homes alive with praise, recounting God’s mighty deeds. Sing with your household—fill your dwelling with salvation’s joy, uniting your house in praise. This should be an integral part of family worship.

3. **[Thank the Lord through song] with Your Small Group.** Remember that Before Gethsemane, Christ and His disciples, a close band, “sang a hymn”

(**Matthew 26:30**), not in public assembly but intimate fellowship. Sing with your small group—among trusted friends, echo Christ's praise, strengthening bonds through song.

4. [Thank the Lord through song] in Public. Jehoshaphat's army marches into battle, singers proclaiming, "Give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever" (**2 Chronicles 20:21**), a public witness to God's glory. Sing in public—let your praise resound beyond walls, declaring His might to the world.

5. [Thank the Lord through song] in the Assembly of the Saints. **Psalm 149:1** urges, "Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly." Corporate worship magnifies God amidst His people. Sing in the assembly—join the saints' chorus, lifting a collective song to the Lord."

— **Baggett, Brett. *A Faithful Christian Warrior: How to Be A Faithful Christian Warrior. According to Psalm 144, in the Midst of Your Combat Against the Unholy Trinity—the World, the Flesh, and the Devil* (pp. 118-119). Kindle Edition.**

BOYS AND GIRLS [recap]

- **PLUMER:** "Church music should be solemn; for it is an awful thing to worship God. It should be simple, that the mass of the people may join in it. It should be in good taste, that we may not dishonour God with hideous sounds. . . Burnet says that 'the Psalms translated into metre were much sung by all who loved the Reformation, and it was a sign, by which men's affections to that work were measured, whether they used to sing these or not.' Let sacred music be cultivated and abundantly employed." — **Plumer, William Swan. *Studies in the Book of Psalms* (p. 1619). *Counted Faithful*. Kindle Edition.**
- **RICHARD SIBBES:** "The whole life of a Christian should be nothing but praises and thanks to God; we should neither eat nor sleep, but eat to God and sleep to God and work to God and talk to God, do all to His glory and praise." — **Sibbes, Richard. *The Complete Works of Richard Sibbes*. Edited by Alexander Balloch Grosart. Vol. 7. Edinburgh: James Nichol, 1864.**

II. HOW YOU SHOULD THANK THE LORD THROUGH SINGING (Psalm 100:1-3).

1) Your thanking the LORD through song must be *joyful*! (Psalm 100:1-2).

Psalm 100:1-2

"1 Make a *joyful* noise to the LORD, all the earth!

2 Serve (*worship*) the LORD with *gladness*!

Come into his presence with singing!"

- **PLUMER:** "Nothing is more offensive to God than that we bow the head like a bulrush and give way to sadness and gloom, when we are called to joyful thanksgiving." — **Plumer, William Swan. Studies in the Book of Psalms (p. 1617). Counted Faithful. Kindle Edition.**

BOYS AND GIRLS, LISTEN CAREFULLY!

- **THINK OF ALL THE REASONS YOU HAVE TO BE JOYFUL, CHRISTIANS:**

Christ has swept away your sins with His cross and reckoned you righteous with His righteousness; "As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12).

He has raised you up from spiritual death, believer, by His resurrection, and advocates for you before God the Father in His ascension;

He has and will preserve you, saints, by His providence and is sanctifying you by His Spirit;

Christ is conquering the nations with His shepherd's crook and ruining his enemies with His rod of iron;

He is ruling and reigning at the right hand of God until all His enemies be made a footstool for His feet;

He will return to chase away both sin and sadness, as well as satisfy you with His perfecting presence forever;

Christ will judge and cast out the wicked who remain in their sins; He will save you saints who eagerly wait for Him, and He will make all things new wherein we will rule and reign with Him in righteousness for all eternity on the New Earth, as Lewis said, each day better than the day before.

- **WILLIAM BRIDGE:** "The more the heart of any man is devoted to meditation, the more pregnant his words will be in the praises of God." — **Bridge, William. The Sweetness of Divine Meditation. Crossville, TN: Puritan Publications, 2021, 53.**
- "1 Make a *joyful* noise to the LORD, all the earth!
2 Serve (*worship*) the LORD with *gladness*!
Come into his presence with singing!"

2) Your thanking the LORD through song must be *knowledgeable*! (Psalm 100:3-4).

Psalm 100:3-4 "3 Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

(i) You need to know who the LORD is (Psalm 100:3a).

Psalm 100:3a "The LORD, He is God."

- **See the foolishness of those who say,**

"I do not need theology, I just want to worship and love God."

- **Q. Which God?** The true God or a false god? The Triune God-Father, Son, and Spirit—or the false god of Mormons? Muslims? Apostate Jews? Jehovah's witnesses? Arians? Modalists?

- **You need to know that there is but one God who eternally exists in Three Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Psalmist says, "Know that the LORD, He is God!" (Psalm 100:3).**

- **See again the foolishness of those who say,**

"I do not need theology."

- **Q. What is God like?** The true God or a false god? The God of who says of Himself in **Exodus 34:6-7**, "6 The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation"—is that the God you love and worship OR is it a false God who has been made up in your mind to suit your emotions and desires?

- **RYLE:** "Beware of manufacturing a God of your own: a God who is all mercy, but not just; a God who is all love, but not holy; a God who has a heaven for every body, but a hell for none; a God who can allow good and bad to be side by side in time, but will make no distinction between good and broad in eternity. Such a God is an idol of your own, as truly an idol as any snake or crocodile in an Egyptian temple. The hands of your own fancy and sentimentality have made him. He is not the God of the Bible, and beside the God of the Bible there is no God at all." — **J.C. Ryle, *Old Paths: Being Plain Statements of Some of the Weightier Matters of Christianity* (London: William Hunt and Company, 1878).**

- **BOYS AND GIRLS. . .**

- **You need to know that there is but one God who eternally exists in Three Persons—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. And you need to know what He is like, how He reveals Himself in Scripture, lest you make a false god in your own image. The Psalmist says, "Know that the LORD, He is God!" (Psalm 100:3).**

(ii) You need to know what the LORD has done in creating you, and thank Him for it (Psalm 100:3b).

Psalm 100:3b "it is He who made us."

- **BOYS AND GIRLS**, Look at your hands! Those are not your hands—God made them for His glory! Think of the eyes you used to look at those hands! Those are not your eyes—those eyes were made by God to look upon His beauty and excellencies in creation and the word and the church, and one day upon the Lord Jesus Christ!

God made you and He made you for a purpose—to enjoy and glorify Him.

(iii) You need to know what the LORD has done to redeem you, if you have been converted (Psalm 100:3c).

Psalm 100:3c "We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture"

- **Isaiah 53:6** "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Though your sins have made a separation between you and God (Isaiah 59:2), God sent forth His only begotten Son to save sinners like you, so through faith in Christ alone you could be reconciled to God and begin to enjoy Him and glorify Him both now and forever!

If your faith is in Christ alone for salvation as He is offered to you in the gospel, you can pray Psalm 23 and it is 100% true for you:

Psalm 23

"1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

forever."

- **BOYS AND GIRLS**, You need to listen to the preaching of the Bible in

public worship, family worship, and read it in private worship. You need to study and memorize your catechism. **So that you may know who the Lord is, what He has done to create you, and what He has done to redeem His people in Christ Jesus.**

Your thanking the LORD through song must be joyful and knowledgeable! (Psalm 100:1-4).

"3 Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

III. WHY YOU SHOULD THANK THE LORD THROUGH SINGING (Psalm 100:5).

1) You should thank the LORD through song because He is good!
(Psalm 100:5a)

Psalm 100:5a "For the LORD is good;"

2) You should thank the LORD through song because His lovingkindness endures forever! (Psalm 100:5b).

Psalm 100:5b "his steadfast love endures forever"

3) You should thank the LORD through song because His faithfulness endures to all generations! (Psalm 100:5c)

Psalm 100:5c "and his faithfulness to all generations."

USE FOR EXAMINATION

Q1. Are you thankful?

Q2. Do you show forth your thankfulness in singing, by praising the Lord's name?

YOU SHOULD ALSO THANK THE LORD:

(1) For his righteousness because he deserves it (Psalm 7:17).

- **Psalm 7:17** "I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High." **The Lord God is righteous! What if he were a Tyrant?*

(2) For his wonderful deeds of redemption and providence (Psalm 9:1).

- **Psalm 9:1** "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."

(3) For being your strength and your shield against sin, satan, and suffering (Psalm 28:7).

- **Psalm 28:7** "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him."

(4) For his goodness (Psalm 54:6).

- **Psalm 54:6** "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good."

(5) For being your shepherd and making you the sheep of his pasture if you are a Christian (Psalm 79:13).

- **Psalm 79:13** "But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise."

(6) For his steadfast love (Psalm 107:1).

- **Psalm 107:1** "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

(7) For answering your prayers in Christ (Psalm 118:28).

- **Psalm 118:28** "I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation."

(8) For being the Lord of lords, ruling and reigning over the kings and rulers of the earth (Psalm 136:3).

- **Psalm 136:3** "Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;"

(9) For his faithfulness through his Scriptures (Psalm 138:4).

- **Psalm 138:4** "I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word."

(10) For his generosity (Psalm 142:7).

- **Psalm 142:7** "Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me."

(11) For the food and supplies he gives to meet our everyday needs (Acts 27:35).

- **Acts 27:35** "[Paul] took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat." ***EVERY BREATHE, EVERY DRINK, EVERY BITE IS A DIVINE GIFT OF MERCY** *Boys and girls...*

(12) For fellow saints who are united to Christ and apart of your same spiritual family (Romans 1:8; Colossians 3:15).

- **Romans 1:8** "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you,"

- **Colossians 3:15** "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

(13) For freedom from slavery to sin and the new desire to obey Christ (Romans 6:17).

- **Romans 6:17** "Thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart..."

(14) For gospel laborers who risk their lives for Christ's glory and the church's good (Romans 16:3-4).

- **Romans 16:3-4** "3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well."

(15) For his justifying work and promise of heaven (Colossians 1:12).

- **Colossians 1:12** "giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."

(16) For his sanctifying work (2 Corinthians 8:16).

- **2 Corinthians 8:16** "Thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you."

(17) For causing you to be born again so that you would receive the Scriptures not as the words of men but as the Word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

- **1 Thessalonians 2:13** "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers."

(18) For using your sufferings to sanctify you (Psalm 119:67).

- **Psalm 119:67** "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word."

(19) For making it so that your afflictions are much less than you deserve (Psalm 103:10).

- **Psalm 103:10** "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities."

(20) For giving Christ Jesus as your eternal Prophet, Priest, and King (2 Corinthians 9:15).

- **2 Corinthians 9:15** "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!"

(21) For the reign of Christ that has begun and will continue until he has put all his enemies under his feet (Revelation 11:17).

- **Revelations 11:17** "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign."

USE FOR EXHORTATION

ALL: *For these and a thousand more reasons, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord . . . Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"*

III. WHO ALL SHOULD THANK THE LORD THROUGH SINGING (Psalm 100:1b).

Thanking the LORD through song must be performed by all the earth! (Psalm 100:1b)

Psalm 100:1 "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, *all the earth!*"

USE FOR WARNING

Unbelievers—you who have not yet been born again; you who are not trusting Christ alone for salvation and submitting to Him as King—

IT IS A GREAT SIN NOT TO THANK THE LORD!

- **Romans 1:21-24** "21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up. . ."

- **THOMAS WATSON:**

"An unthankful person is a monster in nature—and a paradox in Christianity. He is the scorn of heaven and the plague of earth. An ungrateful man never does well, except in one thing—that is, when he dies. Then he becomes a monument of God's justice." — **Thomas Watson, The Godly Man's Picture**

- **Psalm 50:22** "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!"

If you will not trust Christ to redeem you and give thanks to God as you should, but you forget Him, you will be torn in pieces with none to save you (Psalm 50:22).

Let no one say I did not warn you;
let no one say I did not offer Christ to you;

let no one say "I am come to Christ and He refused me."

Be warned: Sin deserves death. Hell is real. Forever is a long time.

Be rescued: Christ will save you and make you happy and holy forever.

PARENTS:

(i) Parents, teach your children all the reasons we have to be thankful to the Lord, especially and even the small and overlooked things in life that, at the bottom, are all of grace.

(ii) Parents, teach your children to show their thankfulness both to God and man. "There is nothing worse than an ingrate." And there is nothing more precious than a thankful soul.

CONCLUSION. All the earth should make a joyful noise to the Lord, thanking Him for His mercy. AND ONE DAY IT WILL. "No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever." Revelation 22:3-5

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PURITANS QUOTES

On Thankfulness

- "It is your Christian duty to pour out your heart before the Lord in giving him thanks for every mercy, in confessing every sin with godly sorrow, and in asking everything you need in Christ's name." — Jackson, John. *The Duty of Christians to Pour Out Their Hearts Before the Lord*. London, 1670, 12.
- "The whole life of a Christian should be nothing but praises and thanks to God; we should neither eat nor sleep, but eat to God and sleep to God and work to God and talk to God, do all to His glory and praise." — Sibbes, Richard. *The Complete Works of Richard Sibbes*. Edited by Alexander B. Grosart. Vol. 1. Edinburgh: James Nichol, 1862, 185.
- "God is continually beneficial to us, blessing and delivering His people every day and by new mercies giveth us new matter of praise and thanksgiving." — Manton, Thomas. *The Complete Works of Thomas Manton*. Vol. 2. London: James Nisbet, 1870, 315.
- "Thanksgiving is a sensible acknowledgment of favors received or an expression of our sense of them, by word and work, to the praise of the bestower." — Manton, Thomas. *The Complete Works of Thomas Manton*. Vol. 2. London: James Nisbet, 1870, 317.
- "Never be afraid to show mercy...But seize all opportunities and thankfully embrace them, taking occasion to bless God that he has furnished us with any ability and opportunity to be helpful, serviceable, comforting to any sad heart or ruinous estate." — Swinnock, George. *The Works of George Swinnock*. Vol. 4. Edinburgh: James Nichol, 1863, 192.

On Unthankfulness

- "The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!" — Watson, Thomas. *A Body of Practical Divinity*. London, 1692, 245.
- "Ingratitude is a sin with severe repercussions...Although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him." — Baxter, Richard. *The Practical Works of Richard Baxter*. Vol. 1. London: George Virtue, 1838, 672.
- "Many are as hot as fire in their own private matters, who are as cold as ice in things that concern God's honor and glory." — Cleaver, Robert. *A Godly Form of Household Government*. London, 1598, 134.
- "Those who have been stung with sin can more easily be moved to show compassion towards poor sinners like themselves, because by the feeling of misery, men learn the practice of mercy." — Cleaver, Robert. *A Godly Form of Household Government*. London, 1598, 136.
- "Presumption is a sin seen in the church...This has slain so many 1000s of

souls now roaring in hell; they may thank presumption for it." — Hooker, Thomas. *The Soul's Preparation for Christ*. London, 1632, 189.

On Gratitude

- "The greatest bond of duty upon the fallen creature is gratitude." — Manton, Thomas. *The Complete Works of Thomas Manton*. Vol. 2. London: James Nisbet, 1870, 319.
- "I thank Thee for any sign of penitence; give me more of it; My sins are black and deep, and rise from a stony, proud, self-righteous heart." — Various Puritans. *Puritan Prayers & Devotions*. London: Banner of Truth Trust, 1975, 45.
- "By thy cross crucify my every sin; Use it to increase my intimacy with thyself; Make it the ground of all my comfort, the liveliness of all my duties, the sum of all thy gospel promises, the comfort of all my afflictions, the vigor of my love, thankfulness, graces, the very essence of my religion." — Various Puritans. *Puritan Prayers & Devotions*. London: Banner of Truth Trust, 1975, 67.
- "A thankful heart is one of the primary identifying characteristics of a believer. It stands in stark contrast to pride, selfishness, and worry." — Owen, John. *The Works of John Owen*. Edited by William H. Goold. Vol. 9. Edinburgh: Johnstone & Hunter, 1850, 432.
- "The more we enjoy of God, the more we are ravished with delight." — Brooks, Thomas. *The Complete Works of Thomas Brooks*. Edited by Alexander B. Grosart. Vol. 2. Edinburgh: James Nichol, 1866, 298.

On Ingratitude

- "Ingratitude sickens the heart, and chills and thickens the very life's blood of benevolence." — Baxter, Richard. *The Practical Works of Richard Baxter*. Vol. 3. London: George Virtue, 1838, 456.
- "The base ingratitude to God, exhibited by so many, is. . .distressing." — Flavel, John. *The Whole Works of John Flavel*. Vol. 5. London: W. Baynes & Son, 1820, 324.
- "Ingratitude to God an heinous but general iniquity." — Davies, Samuel. *Sermons on Important Subjects*. Vol. 1. New York: T. Allen, 1792, 652.
- "Slight thoughts of God will make but a slight impression on the affections. He who thinks slightly of God, will serve him slightly, and love him slightly." — Calamy, Edmund. *A Practical Discourse Concerning the Divine Attributes*. London, 1656, 78.
- "Those that seek themselves will cry to Him in their distress; but those that love God cannot endure that He should be without His due honor." — Manton, Thomas. *The Complete Works of Thomas Manton*. Vol. 1. London: James Nisbet, 1870, 215.

On Singing

- "The more the heart of any man is devoted to meditation, the more pregnant his words will be in the praises of God." — Bridge, William. *The Sweetness of Divine Meditation*. Crossville, TN: Puritan Publications, 2021, 53.
- "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." — Perkins, William. *A Garden of Spiritual Flowers*. London, 1643, 124.
- "As for such psalms as the scripture describeth...they do not only cause him to spend his time well by exercising himself in the sweet Word of God; but through such ensamples they provoke other men also unto the praise of God and virtuous living." — Rogers, Richard. *A Garden of Spiritual Flowers*. London, 1643, 125.
- "Why should not we then make our songs and mirth of God, as well as they? Hath He not done as much for us as for them?" — Green, Richard. *A Garden of Spiritual Flowers*. London, 1643, 126.
- "The children of Israel in the old time, when God had delivered them from their enemies, gave thanks unto Him, and made their song of Him, as thou seest by Moses, Barak, David, and other more." — Webb, George. *A Garden of Spiritual Flowers*. London, 1643, 127.

On Praise

- "In our worst condition—we have cause to praise God." — Sibbes, Richard. *The Complete Works of Richard Sibbes*. Edited by Alexander B. Grosart. Vol. 2. Edinburgh: James Nichol, 1862, 234.
- "Let us offer the sacrifice of praise continually, which is the fruit of our lips." — Manton, Thomas. *The Complete Works of Thomas Manton*. Vol. 2. London: James Nisbet, 1870, 316.
- "The soul by praise is filled with a sense of the mercy and goodness of God, so that hereby He is made more amiable to us." — Manton, Thomas. *The Complete Works of Thomas Manton*. Vol. 1. London: James Nisbet, 1870, 218.
- "God requires his name be sanctified. He requires no less today." — McMahon, C. Matthew. *The Kingdom of Heaven is Upon You*. Crossville, TN: Puritan Publications, 2021, 22.
- "The whole life of a Christian should be nothing but praises to God." — Sibbes, Richard. *The Complete Works of Richard Sibbes*. Edited by Alexander B. Grosart. Vol. 1. Edinburgh: James Nichol, 1862, 185.

Study and Discussion Questions

Introduction: The Sin of Ingratitude and the Virtue of Thankfulness

- **Reflection:** Why do you think the sermon begins with the statement, "There is nothing worse than an ingrate"? How does this resonate with your own experiences of gratitude or ingratitude?
- **Discussion:** According to Romans 1:21-24, what are the consequences of failing to honor God or give thanks to Him? How does this passage illustrate the seriousness of ingratitude?
- **Application:** In what ways do you see ingratitude in your own life or in the world around you? How can cultivating thankfulness counteract these tendencies?
- **For Children:** Boys and girls, can you think of a time when someone didn't say "thank you" when you helped them? How did it make you feel? Why do you think saying "thank you" to God is important?

Context: Psalm 100 as a Psalm for Giving Thanks

- **Study:** Psalm 100 is uniquely titled "A Psalm for giving thanks." Why might this distinct title be significant? How does it set the tone for the psalm's message?
- **Discussion:** The sermon notes suggest David as a possible author, based on the Arabic translation. How might knowing David's life and experiences (e.g., as a psalmist and worshiper) enhance your understanding of Psalm 100?
- **Reflection:** Read Psalm 100 aloud. What emotions or attitudes does the psalm evoke in you? How does its structure (commands followed by reasons) encourage worship?

Doctrine: All the Earth Should Thank God for His Mercy

- **Study:** The sermon's doctrine states, "All the earth should make a joyful noise to the Lord, thanking Him for His mercy." How does Psalm 100 support this doctrine?
- **Discussion:** Why is God's mercy a central reason for giving thanks? How does mercy differ from other attributes of God (e.g., justice, holiness) in motivating our worship?
- **Application:** How can you make thanking God for His mercy a regular part of your life, both in good times and in challenges?

I. You Should Thank the Lord Through Singing (Psalm 100:1a, 4)

- **Study:** The sermon lists five contexts for thanking God through song: private, household, small group, public, and in the assembly of saints.

Which of these contexts is most familiar to you, and which is least practiced? Why?

- **Discussion:** For each context (e.g., private, household), discuss a practical example of how you could incorporate singing praises to God. What challenges might you face in each setting?
- **Reflection:** Read Psalm 144:9, Psalm 118:15, Matthew 26:30, 2 Chronicles 20:21, and Psalm 149:1. How do these passages illustrate the different contexts for singing? What do they reveal about the power of song in worship?
- **Application:** Choose one of the five contexts to focus on this week. Plan a specific time and way to thank God through singing in that setting. Share your plan with the group.
- **For Children:** Boys and girls, do you like to sing? Can you think of a song you could sing to thank God when you're alone or with your family? What would you sing about?

II. How You Should Thank the Lord Through Singing (Psalm 100:1-3)

- **Study:** The sermon emphasizes that singing must be joyful (Psalm 100:1-2). What reasons does the sermon provide for why Christians should be joyful in their worship? (Refer to the list under "Boys and Girls, Listen Carefully!")
- **Discussion:** Why is joy essential in worship? How can you cultivate joy in your singing, even when life feels difficult?
- **Reflection:** The sermon also stresses that singing must be knowledgeable (Psalm 100:3-4). Why is it important to "know that the Lord, He is God"? How does theology shape your worship?
- **Study:** Break down Psalm 100:3 into its three parts: (a) "The Lord, He is God," (b) "It is He who made us," and (c) "We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture." What does each part teach about God and our relationship with Him?
- **Discussion:** The sermon quotes J.C. Ryle warning against "manufacturing a God of your own." How can a lack of knowledge lead to worshiping a false god? Share examples of how biblical knowledge has deepened your worship.
- **Application:** What steps can you take to grow in your knowledge of God (e.g., studying Scripture, memorizing catechisms)? How might this knowledge make your singing more meaningful?
- **For Children:** Boys and girls, the sermon says God made your hands and eyes for His glory. What's one thing you can do with your hands or eyes to thank God? Can you sing a song about who God is or what He's done?

III. Why You Should Thank the Lord Through Singing (Psalm 100:5)

- **Study:** Psalm 100:5 gives three reasons to thank God: His goodness, steadfast love, and faithfulness. How do these attributes of God provide a foundation for gratitude?
- **Discussion:** Which of the three attributes (goodness, steadfast love, faithfulness) resonates most with you right now? Share a personal experience where you've seen this attribute in your life.
- **Reflection:** The sermon lists 21 additional reasons to thank God (e.g., His righteousness, redemption, provision). Choose three that stand out to you. Why are these reasons compelling for you?
- **Application:** Create a personal "thanksgiving list" based on Psalm 100:5 and the sermon's 21 reasons. Use this list to guide your prayers or singing this week.
- **For Children:** Boys and girls, the sermon says God is good, loving, and faithful. Can you think of a time when God was good to you? How could you sing a "thank you" to Him for that?

IV. Who All Should Thank the Lord Through Singing (Psalm 100:1b)

- **Study:** Psalm 100:1b says, "all the earth" should make a joyful noise to the Lord. Why does the psalm include everyone, not just believers, in this call to worship?
- **Discussion:** The sermon warns unbelievers that failing to thank God is a great sin (Romans 1:21-24; Psalm 50:22). How does this warning balance with the offer of salvation through Christ? How should this shape our evangelism?
- **Reflection:** How does the universal call to worship in Psalm 100:1b inspire hope for the future, as described in Revelation 22:3-5? What does this vision of future worship mean to you?
- **Application:** Who in your life needs to hear the call to thank God and trust in Christ? How can you share this message with them in a loving and clear way?
- **For Children:** Boys and girls, the sermon says everyone in the world should thank God. Can you think of someone who doesn't know God yet? How could you tell them about Him?

Use for Examination and Exhortation

- **Reflection:** The sermon asks, "Are you thankful?" and "Do you show forth your thankfulness in singing, by praising the Lord's name?" Honestly assess your heart and practices. Where do you see growth, and where do you need improvement?
- **Discussion:** The sermon exhorts believers to thank God for "these and a thousand more reasons." Brainstorm as a group additional reasons to thank God that are specific to your community or personal lives.

- **Application:** Commit to one practical way to express thankfulness through singing this week (e.g., learning a new hymn, singing during family devotions). Share your commitment and follow up next week.

Use for Warning and Parental Guidance

- **Study:** The sermon cites Thomas Watson's strong words about the unthankful person being "a monster in nature." Why is ingratitude so offensive to God, according to the sermon and Romans 1:21-24?
- **Discussion:** How does the sermon's warning to unbelievers (Psalm 50:22) challenge you to examine your own faith? How does it motivate you to pray for those who don't yet trust Christ?
- **Reflection:** For parents, the sermon urges teaching children to be thankful to God and others. Why is this a critical responsibility? If you're not a parent, how can you encourage the next generation in gratitude?
- **Application:** Parents, discuss one specific way you can teach your children to be thankful this week (e.g., modeling gratitude at meals, singing a hymn together). Non-parents, how can you support families in this effort?
- **For Children:** Boys and girls, the sermon says parents should teach you to say "thank you" to God and people. What's one thing you can say "thank you" for today? Can you tell your parents or a friend?

Conclusion: A Future of Universal Worship

- **Study:** The sermon concludes with Revelation 22:3-5, envisioning a future where all God's servants worship Him. How does this future hope connect to Psalm 100's call for "all the earth" to worship now?
- **Discussion:** How does the promise of a curse-free, worship-filled future motivate you to live a life of gratitude and worship today?
- **Reflection:** Imagine joining the worship described in Revelation 22:3-5. What aspects of that scene (e.g., seeing God's face, reigning forever) excite you most? How can you reflect that joy in your worship now?

TRANSCRIPT

Beloved brothers and sisters, friends, visitors, boys and girls, something that I grew up hearing frequently from my father was this phrase—my dad we'd be driving in a car something like that and he would say: "Son there is nothing worse

than an ingrate." And then he would repeat he said "That's something that my dad told me continually." He said "If there if I remember one thing my dad always said this is my grandpa speaking to my father." Son there is nothing worse than an ingrate and as a kid I'm like "What's that mean?" said somebody who is unthankful ungrateful someone that you do something for and they don't say thank you that was something that my father was taught from a young age i was taught from a young age and it's something that you and I instinctively know is true you know that when I say there's nothing worse than an unthankful person you know that's true boys and girls my dad who's now almost 70 years old when he was a little kid he grew up hearing from his father there's nothing worse than somebody who is unthankful boys and girls you need to learn that from a really young age that when someone does something kind or just maybe it's not even that kind but someone helps you in any way you should look at them in their eyeballs and say "Thank you look in their eyes smile and say thank you show that you are thankful for someone even if it's something simple like somebody opens a door for you anything somebody helps you with something you should look at them and say "Thank you." Adults you know this is true i know this is true it's instinctive and we know it is horrible when someone doesn't show forth their thankfulness this is why U vice the United States Vice President Vance went viral just a couple months ago for pressing the Ukrainian president Zelenskyy with Have you said thank you once you remember that this goes crazy because Zelenskyy is in the Oval Office with President Trump and Vice President Vance and Zelenskyy is kind of dogging Trump like undermining some of his stuff and Vance just has had enough of it because the United States has sent billions of dollars to Ukraine and he just goes "Hey have you said thank you once?" And this just goes everyone's like "Ah." He just owns him why because you and I know it is evil to be an unthankful person you know it's just despicable for someone to be kind to you someone to be generous to you and for you to just act like I deserve it or you know to act like it's just what was coming to me have you said thank you once you and I know this because God has written his law on our heart and we know we should be thankful this is why Paul says in Romans 1 21- 24 this is speaking of unbelievers those who have not been converted to Christ Jesus those who are still in their sins fallen in Adam in rebellion to God although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him but they became futile in their thinking and their foolish hearts were darkened claiming to be wise they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things therefore God handed them over what's one of the reasons that God hands over wicked people to hands them over to their sin and wickedness just says "Okay because they don't thank him." Every single person who's ever lived knows the one true God exists knows he created them you know God's created you not I God the God you know he's created you he's made it plain to you and you know you should give thanks to him for his creation for all of his blessings and all of the ways he has preserved you and protected you every day of your life you and I know that's why it is a great sin to be unthankful that's why when things like that happen

we just go makes you feel icky when someone is unthankful it's a it's a great sin to be an ingrate and it's a precious righteousness to be a thankful person and that brings us to Psalm 100 this is the only psalm this is the only song in our Bible with this title look right next in your own Bible look at it and you see it might say something at the top like his steadfast love endures forever that's not scripture that's just added by the translators to help us see kind of what this psalm is about now the next words that you see where it says a psalm for giving thanks or it might say a psalm of thanksgiving that is scripture written by the author of the psalm that's not added in that's scripture and this is the only psalm in all of the psalms with that title this is the only psalm with a psalm title for giving thanks this is a thanksgiving psalm the whole point of this psalm is that you and I should give thanks to the Lord it's a psalm for giving thanks david might have written it we don't know for sure the Arabic translation gives David as the author william S plamer says he says it's probable but not certainly correct but apparently since we don't have the title of who wrote this it doesn't really matter god wrote it we don't know who the human author is but ultimately all scripture is breathed out by God so this is God's psalm so the doctrine we should learn from this is that all the earth should make a joyful noise to the Lord thanking him for his mercy that's the whole summary of Psalm 100 all the earth should make a joyful noise to the Lord thanking him for his mercy that's what we should learn so I want to point you to four main things that we should learn from this psalm and the first is this you should thank the Lord through singing you should thank the Lord through singing look at the first part of verse one make a joyful noise to the Lord that's an imperative verb ushered to all mankind everyone who exists it's a command from God through this song sing songs of thanks to the Lord so it's not only a great sin to be an ingrate and not be thankful to the Lord but you can add to that it's sinful not to show forth your thanksgiving even through singing give thanks make a joyful noise well I don't know if he's talking about singing yeah go to verse four enter his gates with thanksgiving okay it's still maybe not singing and his courts with praise that's singing give thanks to him bless his name make a joyful noise this is talking about singing praises to the Lord unless you forget the Psalms are written not just first of all for instruction but they're written to be sung the Psalms are songs to be sung so you should thank the Lord through singing and this should rebuke all of you who say things like "I don't like singing." Well then you need God to sanctify you if you're a Christian because you should you should love singing because it's one of the chief ways that you and I show forth our thankfulness to the Lord by lifting our voices together in song it is a shame that many men sing so mildly it's a shame that many men sing so softly and cowardly it's a shame that singing has kind of been hijacked into some feminine thing when in fact the manliest men who have ever lived like David and the Lord Jesus Christ were strong singers men should be filling their bellies with air and blasting forth like a trumpet songs of praise to the Lord you should sing or you should thank the Lord through singing make a joyful noise to the Lord enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise give thanks to him bless his name so there's the first there's the like

foundational truth of everything boys and girls look up here at me you and I must not only be thankful for all of the wonderful things the Lord has done for us and continues to do and will do we should not only feel that thankfulness but we have to show forth that we are thankful like if someone does something kind to you like you fall down and they pick you up and put a band-aid on you that's kind you should feel thankfulness for that you should feel man I'm really thankful that they helped me but that's not good enough you shouldn't just be thankful you should show forth your thankfulness by saying to that person "Thank you thank you for helping me thank you for picking me up." Does that make sense you got to feel it and you need to make it known and so it is with Christians we should be and feel that thankfulness as we meditate on all of God's mercies and then we should show it forth not just by saying it to God in prayer but even by singing it because God says "Make a joyful noise to the Lord." When and where should I thank the Lord through singing you should thank the Lord through singing in private when it's just you thank the Lord through singing in private david says in Psalm 144:9 "I will sing a new song to you oh God upon a 10 stringed harp i will play to you." It's not talking about in the assembly of the righteous there it's in solitude he lifts his voice as a personal personal anthem of devotion sing in private let your heart's song rise to God when none but he hears you as David shows us the example sing in private show forth your thankfulness in song to the Lord when it's just you you should thank the Lord through song with your household with your household Psalm 118:15 says "Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous." Glad songs of salvation are in the homes the houses of the righteous so I would just ask you to examine your household now is your household a household of the righteous of those who belong to Christ and are marked by I belong to the Lord Jesus he's my savior he's my king if I don't hear songs of gladness coming from your household how am I supposed to look at that verse and say "This is a household of believers." That's one of the distinguishing marks of a household of Christians is that glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous this is especially for our times of family worship and men you don't need children to have family worship you need one to lead and one to follow that's it it becomes family worship when you are married if there's two of you you have family worship if there's only one of you it's what we call private worship it's not a family it's not a household it's just you there's private worship family worship which takes just two and can have a lot more that are in your household glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous so believers when should you thank the Lord through singing in private with your household in your household but also even with small groups and Christ sang not only in the assembly of the righteous not only when the saints would gather together for worship in synagogues at that time but he would also just sing with his disciples christ and his disciples before Christ goes to Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion it says in Matthew 26:30 they sang a hymn it's just part what you do sing you should thank the Lord through song with smaller groups of believers with your household in private also in public in public Jehoshaphat's army marches into battle with the singers at the front proclaiming

"Give thanks to the Lord for his steadfast love endures forever." Singing as a public witness to God's glory so we should sing in public let our praises resound beyond the walls of church buildings or our homes but sing declaring God's might to the world and you should also sing and thank the Lord through song in the assembly of the saints on the Lord's day when we gather together like this that's why we sing when we assemble together that's why we do more than take the Lord's supper or preach the word of God or read publicly the scriptures that's why we do more than that but we sing Psalm 149:1 praise the Lord sing to the Lord a new song his praise in the assembly of the godly that's why the saints sing in public worship that's what we call this public or corporate worship the assembly of the saints God's people have gathered together and we want to blow the top off of the building with our shouts of praise because he's worthy so again you should thank the Lord through singing make your thankfulness known make a joyful noise to the Lord enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise this psalm is even directly talking about what we call public worship like what we're doing right now enter his gates with thanksgiving this is an illusion to going to the temple under the old covenant going to the temple assembling with other believers to offer up praises to the Lord now we don't do that in the new covenant at a specific location there's nothing special about this building there's nothing holy about a building it is special in the sense that God's people use it and gather in it to worship the Lord but this building is not the church you are this is not This room is not the sanctuary nah it's the room that we meet in to worship the Lord special in the sense that we do amazing things in here as we offer up holy worship to the Lord in the assembly of the saints but this this psalm is about public worship enter his courts with praise enter his gates with thanksgiving like drawing near to God whose presence under the old covenant was at the temple at the tabernacle but we now draw near to God through Jesus Christ alone who is our better tabernacle our better temple this is about corporate worship first of all so we you should thank the Lord through singing and especially in the assembly of the saints now look next and see how you should thank the Lord through singing not only should you not only does he command us make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth serve the Lord with gladness he says so not only does God tell us in this psalm that we should thank him through song through singing but that we should do it first joyfully joyfully make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth serve which means worship worship the Lord with what's that word gladness so how should you and I thank the Lord through singing well you're thanking the Lord through song must be joyful another word for joyful happy you and I should show forth joy as we sing to the Lord make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth serve the Lord with gladness come into his presence with singing boys and girls listen carefully children look in my eyes look right up here at my face and just lock in for about two minutes okay Christians think of all of the reasons you actually have to be joyful think of all the reasons you have to be joyful i think if your joyfulness your happiness in Christ is low a big reason that that might be true is because you spend so little time meditating which just means being alone and quiet and

thinking on what God's word says thinking of all the blessings that you and I have in Christ Jesus think about these things you have to be joyful about because you may look at Psalm 101 and 2 be like "Wow he's commanding us to be joyful i just can't make myself be happy." Yes you can you must because he commands you be joyful sing praises it's like so the question shouldn't be well I can't just make myself be joyful the question should be how how can I make myself be joyful because he commands me to sing with gladness so what do I do when the darkness is weighing down on me what do I do when I don't feel happy you meditate on the promises of God in scripture and all the amazing truths of the gospel you meditate on who Christ is what he's done what he's promised to do so Christ has swept away all your sins with his death on the cross and he's reckoned you righteous with his righteousness believers if you're not joyful think about this verse psalm 103:12 as far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our transgressions from us the sins you committed this morning that you deserve to be cast in hell forever for Christ already paid for on the cross and he has removed them from you the father looks at you as if you'd perfectly lived as Christ lived he looks at you as if you had never committed those vile sins even some of which only you personally know about he has removed your sins from you fully and freely forgiven you for Christ's sake make a joyful noise because of complete forgiveness and imputed righteousness he has raised you up from spiritual death you were dead in your trespasses and sins following after the course of this world following after the prince of the power of the air you were wicked you hated God you wanted nothing to do with God you were floating dead down the river with the rest of the world and God by his mercy plucked you out of that river and said "Live." and you came to life you came to life and trusted Christ praise God make a joyful noise about your regeneration that I was dead but God being rich in mercy because of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead in our trespasses he made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved and he raised us up and seated us with Christ in the heavenly places so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable greatness of his kindness to us in Christ Jesus by grace you've been saved through faith and this is not your own doing it is the gift of God not a result of works so that no one may boast for we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works that he has prepared before him that we should walk in them you don't have a reason to be joyful you got to stir yourself up with these kind of truths make a joyful noise what do I have to be joyful about well you were dead and God made you alive by his mercy he has and he will preserve you Christians he'll preserve you by his providence and he is sanctifying you by his spirit he who began a good work in you no matter how you feel right now he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ joy christ is conquering the nations christ is riding forth conquering with the intention to win saving more and more and more and more people bringing more and more people into his fold christ is conquering the nations with his shepherd's crook and ruining his enemies with his rod of iron he's ruling and reigning at the right hand of God the Father until all his enemies be made a

footstool for his feet no matter what's going on in the world that's true he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet joy gladness sing about it christ will return one day to chase away both sin and sadness as well as satisfy you with his perfecting presence forever the full preterists are absolutely wrong and heretical christ is coming again christ is coming again to renew the whole world to perfect you believers to totally get rid of sin and sadness to perfectly satisfy you with his presence christ will judge and cast out the wicked who remain in their sins he will save you saints who eagerly wait for him and he will make all things new wherein we will rule and reign with him in righteousness for all eternity on the new earth as Lewis said at the end of his Chronicles of Narnia each day better than the day before joy nothing that I've just told you if you've been a believer for more than five seconds nothing I've told you was new to you you knew everything that I just said but does it not make you just go we got things to be happy about we got really good news about what Christ has done what he is doing and what he's promised to do so make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth you should think about the glories of the gospel before you come to public worship think about the glorious news of the gospel before you enter into private worship or family worship before you sing in public do that stir yourself up fathers just before you sing in family worship just look at your wife and your children if you have them look at them and just say something simple like "You deserve death and hell but Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Let's sing just say something like that just look at him and say "You deserve death and hell but Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Stir them up and then we can all go "Woo let's go so we have reasons to make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth serve worship the Lord with gladness come into his presence with singing our thank or thanking the Lord through song must be joyful but look next look at verses three and four your thanking the Lord through song must be knowledgeable not only joyful but knowledgeable look at the first word in verse three know know that the Lord he is God it is he who made us and we are his we are his people and the sheep of his pasture enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise give thanks to him bless his name all of that verses 3 and 4 is controlled by that first word in verse three know this means you need to know the truth if you're going to acceptably sing thanksgiving to the Lord you need to be thinking you and I need to know the truth your singing you're thanking the Lord through song must be knowledgeable you need first look what he says you need to know who the Lord is it's not enough to just say "I need to thank God." And it's just like the God in your mind whatever you think whatever probably President Trump meant last night at the end of his address when he just said "And lastly I'd like to thank God we love God." Do you have any idea who God is no no President Trump doesn't know who God is he just says it I'd like to thank God we love God like are you a three-year-old praying like at vacation Bible school it's about that much maturity spiritual maturity he doesn't know who God is know that the Lord is God you have to pray sing all of that you need to know the truth you need to know who God is know who the Lord is see the foolishness of those who say "I do not need

theology i just want to worship God i just want to love God." If you don't know who God is you can't worship him if you don't know who God is you can't love him you're just using a word but meaning something else know that the Lord he is God you need to know him and accept him which God are you talking about when you say "I don't need theology the true God or a false god the triune God god the Father Son and Spirit or the false god of Mormons of Muslims of apostate Jews of Jehovah's Witnesses of Aryens of modalists?" Which God are you talking about there's a bunch of face fake gods false gods are you talking about the Lord that he is God the Lord who reveals himself as father son and spirit one God three persons you need to know there is but one God who eternally exists in three persons god the Father God the Son and God the Holy Spirit the Psalmist says "Know that the Lord he is God." Our our singing our our thanksgiving must be knowledgeable we need to know who God is and say you are the only God you are the true God and we need to know how he reveals himself see again the foolishness of those who say I do not need theology well I would you should just ask so what is God like first who is God if you don't have the trinitarian God the triune God that's not the true God but also what is God like the true God or a false God the God who says of himself "The Lord the Lord a God merciful and gracious slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness keeping steadfast love for thousands forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin but who will by no means clear the guilty visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." Exodus 34:6 and 7 is that the God you love and worship or is it a false god who's been made up in your mind to suit your emotions and desires are our worship or love or thanking the Lord through song it's got to be knowledgeable who is God well no the Lord he is God so you need to know who the Lord is and as often as I can I'm going to remind you of this little paragraph in JC Riyle's book called Old Paths riyle says "Beware of manufacturing a God of your own a God who is all mercy but not just a God who is all love but not holy a God who has a heaven for everybody but a hell for none a God who can allow good and bad to be side by side in time but will make no distinction between good and bad in eternity such a God is an idol of your own as truly an idol as any snake or crocodile in an Egyptian temple the hands of your own fancy and sentimentality have made him he is not the God of the Bible and beside the God of the Bible there is no God at all beware of manufacturing a God of your own so our thanking the Lord must be knowledgeable who is he well know that the Lord he is God you need to know him and you need to know what he is like boys and girls you need to know who God is one God eternally existing in three persons boys and girls how many gods are there one how many persons are there in God yeah the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit do you understand that good none of us do either but that's how God has revealed himself in scripture one God eternally existing in three persons and also you need to know boys and girls you need to know what God is like there'll be many people in your life who will lie to you they'll be saying "Well God is like this." And it's just inconsistent with what God says in the scriptures you need to know from the scriptures what God is like so the

psalmist says know that the Lord he is God so you need to know him who he is what he is like you also need to know look he says in the next part of verse three it is he who made us so know who the Lord is know that the Lord he is God it is he who made us so that's the other part of the knowledgeability of thanking the Lord you need to be thinking God created me god created me and praising him thanking him for that that he created you you need to know what the Lord has done in creating you boys and girls and you need to thank him for it children look at your hands look at your hands go like this look at your hands who made your hands yeah think about the eyeballs you just used to look at your hands who made those yeah he made you he made me he made everyone and everything that has ever existed or will ever exist every bit of creation he made it but he even more specifically has made you and me so part of this psalm is just thanking the Lord for creating you recognizing who God is what he's like that he has created me you need to know that the Lord has done and creating you and thank him for it and boys and girls and all of you adults God made you and he made you for a purpose you don't get to decide what that purpose is he made you to enjoy himself and to glorify himself your highest good your chief end is to enjoy God and to glorify him forever you need also to know look at the next part of verse three you need to know what the Lord has done to redeem his people even more specifically if you are a Christian if you have been converted if you have been born again your faith is in Christ alone for salvation you submit to him as king if you are actually a Christian if you are one of his covenant people then you need to know what the Lord has done to redeem you we are his people and the sheep of his pasture we meaning believers not we meaning everyone who has ever existed in the sense that we're all in this covenant relationship with God but specifically believers are his people his chosen people his saved people his covenant people we are the sheep of his pasture you need to know what the Lord has done to redeem you and sending his only begotten son into the world to save sinners like you and like me isaiah 53:6 says "All we like sheep have gone astray we have turned everyone to his own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." That's what the Lord has done Christian to bring you back into his fold all we like sheep have gone astray we've turned everyone to his own way and the Lord has laid on him on Christ the iniquity of us all though your sins have made a separation between you and God isaiah 59:2 god sent forth his only begotten son to save sinners like you so that through faith in Christ alone you could be reconciled to God and begin to enjoy him and glorify him both now and forever that's what God has done to redeem you and if your faith is in Christ Jesus alone for salvation as he's offered to you in the gospel in that good news you can pray Psalm 23 and it is 100% true for you you can look at that verse the last part of verse three in Psalm 100 we are his people the sheep of his pasture and think all of us like sheep have gone astray but Christ paid our penalty to bring us back to God and then work from there to Psalm 23 the Lord is my shepherd the Lord is my shepherd i shall not want he makes me lie down in green pastures he leads me beside still waters he restores my soul he leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake even though I walk through

the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil meaning suffering for you are with me your rod and your staff they comfort me you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies you anoint my head with oil my cup overflows surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever we are his people the sheep of his pasture you need to sing knowledgeably knowing who God is what he's like that he has created you and you need to sing knowing and thanking him for redeeming you if you are a Christian boys and girls you need to listen to the preaching of the Bible in public worship like this you need to listen to the teaching of the Bible in family worship you need to read the Bible on your own in private worship need to study and memorize your catechism questions and answers so that you may know who the Lord is what he's like how he's created you and how he has redeemed his people in Christ Jesus you're thanking the Lord through song believers must be joyful and knowledgeable know that the Lord he is God it is he who made us and we are his we are his people and the sheep of his pasture enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise give thanks to him bless his name now look at verse five why why you should thank the Lord through singing not only has he created you not only is he the only the one true God not only has he created you not only has he redeemed you believers in Christ Jesus but then at the end of this psalm the psalmist gives us three attributes three attributes for which we should praise and thank the Lord first look at the first part of verse five for the Lord is good for the Lord is good this means he's kind means he's loving the Lord is altogether good it's not good versus bad like righteousness versus unrighteousness that's not what this word good means it just means he's beneficent he's he's giving he's generous he's gracious he's good he's not safe but he is good so you should thank the Lord through song because he's good you should thank the Lord through song because his loving kindness endures forever look at the next part of verse 5 remember at the beginning of verse 5 he says "For he's been telling us thank the Lord through singing gladly, knowledgeably." Why because he's good for that means because the Lord is good and then because his steadfast love endures forever this is distinguished from goodness goodness is that general love kindness graciousness but this steadfast love the Hebrew word has God's covenant love the love that he has for his people that are clothed in his son's righteousness and forgiven of all of their sins and adopted into his family as his children those he has covenant love for just like the love a good husband has for his wife is different than the love he has for one of his best friends would you say because I don't love one of my best friends in the way that I love Mlan and be like "Well you don't love him." Like "Well no you you love him but you don't love him like you love your wife." Like "Well yeah of course cuz that's covenant love." So in the same way that the Lord is good he's loving he's merciful he's kind but he has said loving kindness steadfast love for his people lord is loving to all but he has his covenant love for those who belong to him through Christ Jesus the savior and king you should thank the Lord through song because his loving kindness his covenant love he has for his people endures forever how long is the love of God well it goes to eternity past where he

chose his people before the foundation of the world goes to eternity future where he says "I'll never leave you or forsake you you will reign with me forever." How deep is God's covenant love for his people well Christ descended into hell on the cross taking the judgment that you deserve for your sin paying our sin debt to God think of the loving kindness of God and how it endures forever and thank him for it through song but also you should thank the Lord through song because his faithfulness endures to all generations look at that last part of verse five and his faithfulness to all generations he is faithful he is true what this means boys and girls look up here god is faithful what that means is he cannot lie boys and girls there's a few things God cannot do he cannot sin god cannot deny himself and God cannot lie you and I can't even fathom that we can't even understand that but that bedrock truth boys and girls is why we come to the scriptures and just like Pastor Brandon did a little bit ago he read it and he said "This is the word of God." And the reason that we all respond "Praise be to God," is because God cannot lie and every single word that Brandon read every single word that I'm reading to you we know 100% true god cannot lie will not lie this is all true all of his warnings his threats are true you and I better watch out all of his directions are true and wise and we better heed them all of his promises are faithful they're true they will all come to pass that's why he's saying his faithfulness endures to all generations it never stops the Lord is faithful every word of the Lord proves true he will be faithful to you believers. What else should we thank the Lord for? Let me point out to you 21 other things you should thank the Lord for. YOU SHOULD ALSO THANK THE LORD: (1) For his righteousness because he deserves it (Psalm 7:17). Psalm 7:17 "I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High." *The Lord God is righteous! What if he were a Tyrant? (2) For his wonderful deeds of redemption and providence (Psalm 9:1). Psalm 9:1 "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." (3) For being your strength and your shield against sin, satan, and suffering (Psalm 28:7). Psalm 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him." (4) For his goodness (Psalm 54:6). Psalm 54:6 "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good." (5) For being your shepherd and making you the sheep of his pasture if you are a Christian (Psalm 79:13). Psalm 79:13 "But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise." (6) For his steadfast love (Psalm 107:1). Psalm 107:1 "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" (7) For answering your prayers in Christ (Psalm 118:28). Psalm 118:28 "I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation." (8) For being the Lord of lords, ruling and reigning over the kings and rulers of the earth (Psalm 136:3). Psalm 136:3 "Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;" (9) For his faithfulness through his Scriptures (Psalm 138:4). Psalm 138:4 "I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your

steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word." (10) For his generosity (Psalm 142:7). Psalm 142:7 "Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me."

(11) For the food and supplies he gives to meet our everyday needs (Acts 27:35). Acts 27:35 "[Paul] took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat." *EVERY BREATHE, EVERY DRINK, EVERY BITE IS A DIVINE GIFT OF MERCY (12) For fellow saints who are united to Christ and apart of your same spiritual family (Romans 1:8; Colossians 3:15). Romans 1:8 "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you," Colossians 3:15 "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." (13) For freedom from slavery to sin and the new desire to obey Christ (Romans 6:17). Romans 6:17 "Thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart..." (14) For gospel laborers who risk their lives for Christ's glory and the church's good (Romans 16:3-4). Romans 16:3-4 "3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well." (15) For his justifying work and promise of heaven (Colossians 1:12). Colossians 1:12 "giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light." (16) For his sanctifying work (2 Corinthians 8:16). 2 Corinthians 8:16 "Thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you." (17) For causing you to be born again so that you would receive the Scriptures not as the words of men but as the Word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13). 1 Thessalonians 2:13 "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers." (18) For using your sufferings to sanctify you (Psalm 119:67). Psalm 119:67 "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word."

(19) For making it so that your afflictions are much less than you deserve (Psalm 103:10). Psalm 103:10 "He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities." (20) For giving Christ Jesus as your eternal Prophet, Priest, and King (2 Corinthians 9:15). 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" (21) For the reign of Christ that has begun and will continue until he has put all his enemies under his feet (Revelation 11:17). Revelations 11:17 "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign." For these and a thousand more reasons, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord . . . Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" I want you to examine yourself are you thankful are you thankful to the Lord or are you an ingrate not only are you thankful do you joyfully and knowledgeably show forth your thankfulness in the specific way we're directed to here through singing through singing examine yourself do you show forth your thankfulness and singing singing by praising the Lord's name. lastly I just want to draw your attention to

back to the beginning of verse one and just show you who all should thank the Lord through singing don't miss that part doesn't say make a joyful noise to the Lord all you saints nope all the what earth that that fits right with Romans 1 where Paul says one of the great signs of wickedness is that people don't thank the Lord they don't thank the Lord so thanking the Lord through song must be performed by all the earth every single one of you in this room you must thank the Lord through song even you unbelievers are required to thank the Lord through song who created you the Lord who has provided for you every second of your life by his providence the Lord who has kept you from greater calamity than you've experienced the Lord who has repaid you less than your sins deserve the Lord whose air are you breathing right now the Lord's so every single one of us whether you're a believer or an unbeliever we are required to sing thankful songs of praise to the Lord all the earth so unbelievers let this serve as a warning to you you who have not yet been born again you're not yet trusting Christ alone for salvation or submitting to him as king it is a great sin not to thank the Lord Thomas Watson says in his book The Godly Man's Picture "An unthankful person is a monster in nature and a paradox in Christianity he is the scorn of heaven and the plague of earth an ungrateful man never does well except in one thing that is when he dies then he becomes a monument of God's justice psalm 50:22 says "Mark this then you who forget God lest I tear you apart and there be none to deliver." unbelievers if you will not trust Christ to redeem you and give thanks to God as you should but you forget him you turn away from him you will be torn in pieces with none to save you mark this then you who forget God lest I tear you apart and there be none to deliver let none of you say "I didn't warn you." Let none of you say "I didn't offer you Christ Jesus." If you go to Christ Jesus in faith trusting him turning from your sin he'll receive you he'll forgive you of every one of your sins he'll count you righteous bring you into God's family if you go to Christ you will be delivered from your great wickedness of unthankfulness christ will receive you none of you can say "I came to Christ and he turned me away." You come to Christ he'll receive you be warned sin deserves death hell is real forever is a very long time and be rescued christ will save you and make you happy and holy forever thank the Lord parents parents teach your children all the reasons we have to be thankful to the Lord especially and even the small things that you probably like me so often overlook just little bitty things nice weather one day the how tasty food is thank the Lord for the taste buds he's given us and we get to enjoy food just little bitty things like thank the Lord for that tell our tell your children teach your children to be thankful to thank the Lord for the small things and for the huge things knowing at the bottom all are of grace parents teach your children to show their thankfulness to both God and man there's nothing worse than an ingrate teach your children to look people in the eyeballs and say thank you teach them that that will help them think through I should be thankful for this god is the giver of all of this all the earth should make a joyful noise to the Lord thanking him for his mercy and one day all the earth will one day all the earth will no longer will there be anything accursed but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it and his

servants will worship him they will see his face and his name will be on their foreheads and night will be no more they will need no light of lamp or sun for the Lord God will be their light and they will reign forever and ever make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth serve the Lord with gladness come into his presence with singing know that the Lord he is God it is he who made us and we are his we are his people and the sheep of his pasture enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise give thanks to him bless his name for the Lord is good his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations. And all God's people said? "Amen."