

1/14/24 “Sustaining Our Faith Through Thanksgiving” (Psalm 100)

Introduction:

[Ps 109:8]

How to build on Prayer Week:

1) Join our 120 Prayer Team to pray for the SWH people and ministries.

[Acts 1:14–15]

[Eph 4:16]

2) Attend one or both of our Sunday evening prayer meetings.

3) Read my book *Growing Your Personal Prayer Life—A Very Practical Guide*.

Sustaining our faith while we are waiting for God to show up:

[John 5:17]

30,000 foot level: The Position of Psalm 100 in the book of Psalms

-88&89: No more Davidic king

-90 Moses: Before the Davidic king, God was king

-91–99: God as king; “the Lord reigns”

-100: Celebration of God the true king

[Ps 100: 1–5]

-Superscription: A Psalm for Giving Thanks

1) Call to praise

“Make a joyful noise”=shout joyfully to the Lord

“all the earth”

2) “Serve the Lord with gladness”

“Serve”=Worship

“Come into his presence with singing”

3) Cause of praise

-Poetic structure of Ps 100: Seven commands

Make, Serve, Come—Know—Enter, Give, bless

-3 things the nations of the world need to know/acknowledge:

1) Yahweh is God.

2) He made us.

3) We belong to him.

-The sheep imagery/metaphor applies primarily to Israel in Psalms.

-The nations need to acknowledge Israel’s special position to be saved.

[Romans 15:15–16]

[Romans 11:25–28]

4) Renewed call to praise

“Enter his gates/courts with thanksgiving”

“Thanksgiving...praise...thanks....bless”

T: Thanks

R: Respond

I: Intercede

5) Renewed cause of praise

Good:

Where do we see his goodness the clearest? In the Gospel.

He is always equally good, whether he gives or takes.

Steadfast love: [Romans 5:8]

Faithfulness:

Conclusion:

Song: "House of the Lord"