

## **Psalm 100**

**A psalm. For giving grateful praise.**

- 1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*
- 2 Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*
- 3 Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.*
- 5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

INTRO to series “Summer in Psalms” – The Hebrew Psalms in our Bible are filled with ancient prayers, poems, laments, hymns, and spiritual songs written by God’s people throughout many generations. As the Holy Spirit spoke through them, their words of praise and faith were collected into five books with 150 different psalms.

Our Summer series will survey several of the Psalms which proclaim God’s faithfulness in all generations. They also call on us to trust the Lord in our own generation, seeking His best purposes in our homes, our church, and the world in which we live. A special part of this summer series will be the incorporation of music and singing led by our worship teams based on the Psalms we study.

INTRO to **Psalm 100**: This short psalm is about giving thankful and joyful praise toward God, but also about how generous and loving God is toward us. This morning we’ll focus on one word from each verse to guide us through Psalm 100.

### JOY

**-vs. 1:** *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.*

-Psalm 100 begins with a call for joy—not just to have it but to shout it along with everything that has breath on the earth. God is actually blessed by the joy of His creation!

### PRAISE

**-vs. 2:** *Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.*

-Worship—offering our genuine love and devotion to God—is expressed with gladness using our mouths, and often through joyful songs. (See also **Psalm 89:1-2** and **Psalm 51:14-17** below.)

## KNOW

**-vs. 3:** *Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

-Our God, who is Lord of all Creation, chose to create us particularly in His image so that we might truly know Him in ways no other part of creation can. He is our Good and Loving Shepherd, who leads us and protects us and claims us as His own—we *are His!*

## ENTER

**-vs. 4:** *Enter his gates with thanksgiving*

*and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

-In the ancient world, the city gate was the place where meetings happened, business was transacted, and legal decisions were decided. Psalm 100 tells us that God generously welcomes us into His gates and the courts of His estate, so we should enter with praise and praise because we are welcomed! (See the parable of the Prodigal Son in **Luke 15** below, which is also about the astounding welcome of the Loving Father.)

## LOVE

**-vs. 5:** *For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

-Like the loving Father in **Luke 15**, God's love for each of us and for all His people never ends, and will continue from one generation to the next on entire eternity.

## Other Scriptures Referenced:

**Psalm 89:1-2:** *I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.*

<sup>2</sup> *I will declare that your love stands firm forever,  
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.*

**Psalm 51:14-17:** *Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.*

*15 Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.*

*16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.*

*17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.*

**Luke 15:11-32:** *Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.*

*13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.*

*17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' 20 So he got up and went to his father.*

*"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.*

*21 "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

*22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24 For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.*

*25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'*

*28 "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has*

*squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!*

*31 “My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”*