

# Psalm 100:1-5

## 3 Instructions For Knowing And Worshipping God



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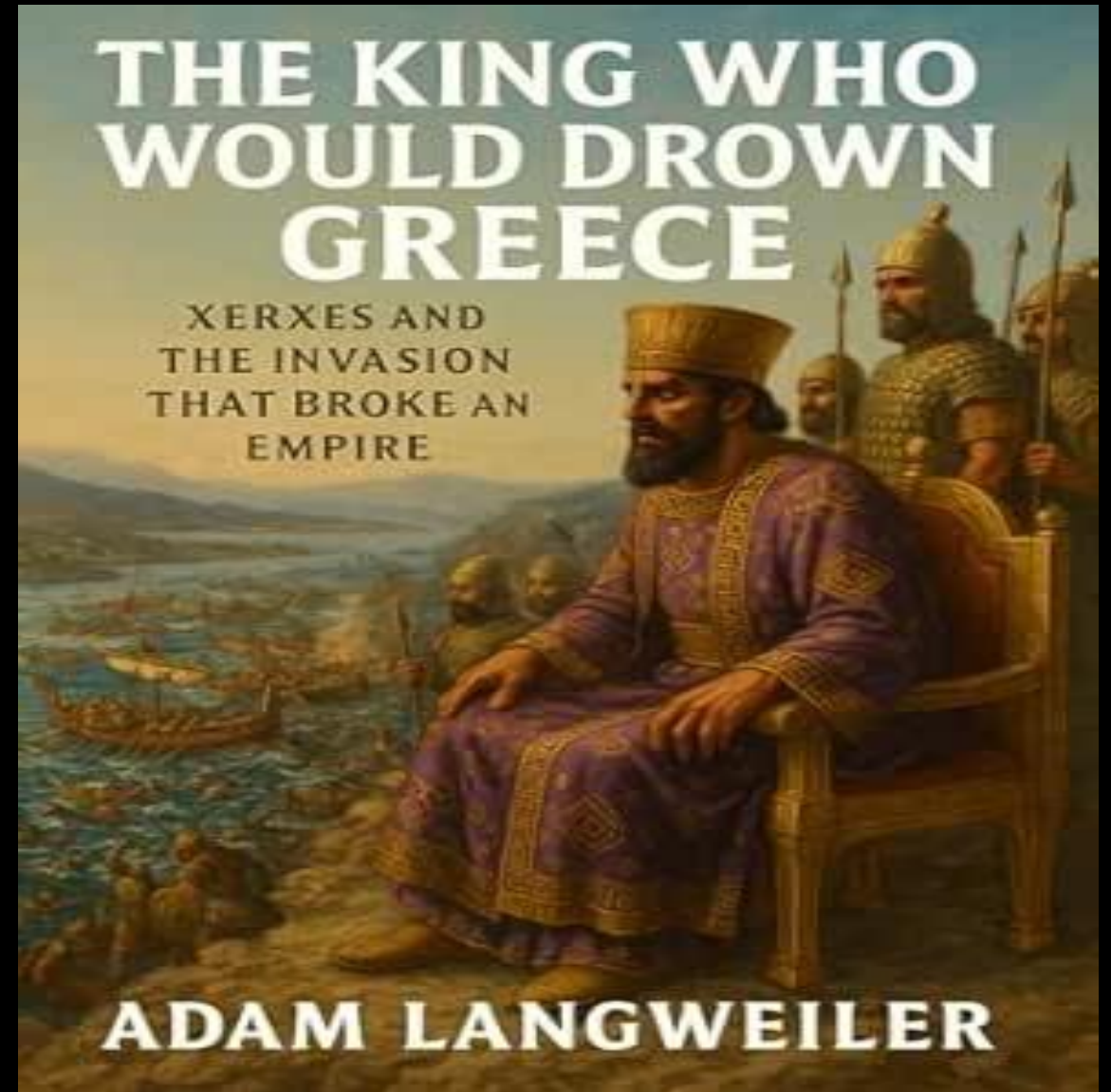
# Background/Context

- Author: Tradition, King David, but can't be certain
- (Psalms written from 1,500 to 500 BC)
- Audience: Jewish nation (used as songs during worship in the Tabernacle, and later Temple)
- Psalm 100: song of thanks and praise, benediction song after (93-99), sung as worshippers made way into Temple to offer sacrifice

# Receiving God's Invitation

- (v. 1) Musical declaration of God's greatness and believers' response
- Begins with great invitation to come, know, and worship God; no one exempt or excluded
- "joyful shout" – "public declaration and confession of God and His goodness; enthusiastic proclamation"
- Instruction is to Come to God and know Him and His ways
- Find satisfaction in relationship with God; not program, people, etc

- Psalm 34:8, “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!”
- Is. 43:11, “I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior.”



# Acknowledging God's Position And Provision

- (v. 3 & v. 5) Knowing God not just emotion or blind faith; it about discerning evidence and “knowing”
- Know that the Lord, He is God: God is all-powerful, He created us, we didn't create Him
- We are His sheep, He is the Good Shepherd
- God is good! His character is perfect and righteous; loyal love lasts forever; truth guides and protects

- Ps. 89:6, “For who in the heavens can be compared to the Lord? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the Lord?”
- Ps. 145:19, “He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.”



# Reflecting His Greatness In Everyday Life

- (v. 2 & v. 4) Knowing God leads to thanking Him for blessings; what on inside of us eventually comes out
- Relationship with Jesus will ultimately be expressed; joyful service and singing, thanksgiving, praise, blessing Jesus' name
- The fruit is determined by the type of "root"; if rooted in relationship with Jesus, fruit of thanks will come

- Hebrews 12:28, “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”
- Ps. 30:11-12, “You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, to the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.”