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## God is Always Faithful

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### Psalm 100

*A psalm of thanksgiving.*

- <sup>1</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!  
<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness.  
Come before him, singing with joy.
- <sup>3</sup> Acknowledge that the LORD is God!  
He made us, and we are his.  
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good.  
His unfailing love continues forever,  
and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

**Psalm 100 is about the \_\_\_\_\_ of God responding to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God with thanksgiving through \_\_\_\_\_.**

**This psalm can be broken into 4 different sections:**

- 1. Verse 1 is an invitation for people throughout the entire \_\_\_\_\_ to come before the Lord with \_\_\_\_\_ praises.**

Come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. (Psalm 95:1, NLT)

- 2. Verse 2 continues to invite the people of earth to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord with gladness. Other translations use the word \_\_\_\_\_, which in these passages, the meaning is the same.**

The command, *Serve the Lord*, is paralleled by *Come into his presence*, which is a reminder that an act of worship is well named a 'service'. It is the first response we owe him—and not, in either sense of the word, the last. How far it reaches is shown in Romans 12:1, where nothing short of a living sacrifice counts as 'worship'. This is the word which the Greek Old Testament used for a 'service' in the formal sense, in, for example, Exodus 12:25f.; 13:5. But in Hebrew as in English, service is indivisible; it is a word which leaves no gap or choice between worship and work. (Derek Kidner, *Psalms 73-150: An Introduction and Commentary*; page 389.)

**We are invited to worship the Lord by coming into His presence, \_\_\_\_\_ with joy.**

**3. The second section of Psalm 100 is found in verse 3 as it leads us to \_\_\_\_\_ that “The LORD is God”! Why are we able to affirm this truth about our God?**

- **He \_\_\_\_\_ us. (Psalm 139:13-16)**
- **We are His \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>9</sup>But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

<sup>10</sup>“Once you had no identity as a people;  
now you are God's people.  
Once you received no mercy;  
now you have received God's mercy.”  
(1 Peter 2:9-10, NLT)

- **We are the \_\_\_\_\_ of His pasture.**

Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls. (1 Peter 2:25, NLT)

**4. Verse 4 contains the third section of Psalm 100, which is giving us \_\_\_\_\_ into how to come into the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.**

- **Enter His gates with \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Go into His courts with \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Praise His \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>15</sup> Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. (Hebrews 13:15, NLT)

<sup>9</sup> Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11, NLT)

**5. Finally, Psalm 100 closes by reminding us of why the Lord deserves our thanksgiving and our praise – both now and forevermore.**

- **The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **His love is \_\_\_\_\_ and continues \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **He is always \_\_\_\_\_, and will be in \_\_\_\_\_ generation.**

<sup>11</sup> This is a trustworthy saying:

If we die with him, we will also live with him. <sup>12</sup> If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. <sup>13</sup> If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is. (2 Timothy 2:11-13, NLT)

**<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.**

(Hebrews 10:23-25, NLT)