

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
PSALMS-LESSON 19
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8–FEBRUARY 13
PSALM 100
JUBILANT THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

Psalm 100 is the only psalm that is explicitly identified as “A Psalm of Thanksgiving”. Spurgeon says of this Psalm, “It is ablaze with grateful adoration, and for this reason, it has been a great **favorite** with God’s people.” He goes on, “Nothing is more sublime this side of heaven than the singing of this great Psalm by a large congregation.” **Psalm 100** has inspired many hymns of praise, adoration and thanksgiving. “Across the centuries **Psalm 100** has been the vehicle of the thanksgiving of God’s people.” The Vitality of Worship, Robert Davidson, pg 328

This Psalm serves as a summation of the declaration of the worldwide nature of God’s kingdom and His authority over all the earth upon His return to earth to rule and reign. **Psalm 100** is a culmination of **Psalm 93,95-100** all spotlighting God’s kingdom rule. This collection of psalms serves as a call for the whole world to acknowledge the kingship of the Lord and to anticipate His glorious appearance to judge the world.

This Psalm is addressed to the people of Israel, but the truths apply to God’s redeemed of all ages. While you meditate upon the truths of **Psalm 100**, pray that you will grow in heartfelt joyful praise and thanksgiving for the One who is the soon and coming King of the whole earth!

Read Psalm 100:1-2 Call to Joyful Worship

1. In **verses 1 and 2** what are we (the whole earth) commanded and with what attitude? What should our assembly of His redeemed look like when we assemble?

“The original signifies a glad shout, such as loyal subjects give when their king appears among them. Our happy God should be worshipped by a happy people. A cheerful spirit is in keeping with His nature, His acts and the gratitude that we should cherish for His mercies. Treasury of David, C.H. Spurgeon, pg 881

2. In **verse 2a** the Hebrew word translated “*worship*” in some translations is translated “*serve*” in other translations. In **verse 2a**, how are we to express our thanksgiving to the Lord? Again, with what attitude? How does Paul apply this same truth in our daily activity and service in **Col. 3:23-24**?

“He is our Lord, and He is to be served. He is our gracious Lord and He is to be served with joy.” Id. 881

3. Describe the expression of praise and thanksgiving in **verse 2b**? With what attitude? Read **Ps. 95:1** also.

Read Psalm 100:3 Why We Joyfully Worship

4. What is the imperative of **verse 3**?
5. From **verse 3**, what is it about God we should know?

6. In **verse 3**, what do we need to understand about ourselves as we worship our Lord? How does that knowledge affect our approach to worship? Read also **Ps. 23:1** and **John 10:12, 14-16**.

“It is only when we know God as our creator that we know ourselves as His creatures and find ourselves appropriately thankful to Him.”... “No one should be more thankful to God than the sheep who are cared for by the Good Shepherd.” Psalms Vol 2, James Montgomery Boice, pg 812

Read Psalm 100:4-5 Invitation and Reasons to Thank God

7. In **verse 4**, the reference to gates refers to the temple and the assembly of God’s people to thank and praise God. What were the redeemed to do when they gathered?

8. What does **Hebrews 10:24-25** teach about the importance of the assembly of the redeemed?

9. How can you encourage others to join in a celebration of worship and praise to our God?

“For when God called us to Christ He did not call us in isolation but to be His elect people together participating in a common heritage. This means that those among whom, for whom and with whom we should give thanks are other believers.” Id.pg. 814

“The church is not a building made with stone. It is a building made with living flesh. We believers are living stones in God’s temple (**1 Pet.2:5**), and when we come together we constitute a place of worship where God manifests Himself in ways that we cannot manifest Himself when we are alone. Believers become the living temple of God offering to Him spiritual sacrifices not possible anywhere other than in the assembly of the redeemed church.” John MacArthur

10. In **verse 5**, we are invited to thank God for who He is. What are the three characteristics of God that stir our hearts to respond with praise and adoration? How are you comforted by those truths in challenging circumstances you now face?

“Has anyone ever had greater reasons to thank God than we who are His redeemed people, who know Him not only as our creator but also as our loving shepherd and Lord?” Then let us shout with gladness. Id. Pg 815

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
I Thess. 5:16-18