

“A Psalm of Thanksgiving”

Psalm 100:1-5

(Ps. 100:1-5) NLT

~ INTRO ~

(Ps. 103:2b) NLT

“... may I never forget the good things He does for me.”

I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT...

- To stir up our thoughts AND **remember**...
 - That God provides both spiritual & material needs...
 - Within our lives.

(Ps. 34:10b) NKJV

- “... those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.”

~ STUDY ~

(Ps. 100:1-5) NLT

- Reminds us to give thanks to God.

(vv.1-2)

I LOVE THIS ABOUT GOD...

- We're to bring back to God what He has given us...
 - (v.1) “*shout with joy*”
 - (v.2) “*singing with joy*”

JOY...

- This is what the Bible calls the fruit (evidence)...
 - Of the Holy Spirit living in us.
 - (Gal. 5:22) NLT
- God is the one producing in us *joy*...
 - And all we are doing is returning it to Him.

TURN TO (Ps. 95:6-7) NLT

- *Bow down* – the outside posture of reverence before God.
- *Kneel* – The internal posture of reverence before God.
 - Lit. *To break down* (surrender).

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THINK ABOUT JESUS IN THE GOSPELS...

- And the variety of people bowing & kneeling before Him:
 - 1) Leper (Matt 8:2)
 - 2) Jairus, synagogue ruler (Matt 9:18)
 - 3) Demon-possessed man (Mark 5:6)
 - 4) Syrophenician woman (Matt 15:25)
 - 5) Rich young ruler (Mark 10:17)
 - 6) Disciples worshiping (Matt 14:33; 28:17)
 - 7) Blind man worshiping (John 9:38)
 - 8) Women after resurrection (Matt 28:9)

PEOPLE WHO HAD THEIR LIVES CHANGED...

- Returned *thanksgiving* to God.
 - (Ps. 46:10) NLT

(v.3) *Acknowledge* – accept & admit the existence of God.

- (John 14:8-11) NLT

ACCEPT & ADMIT...

- That God gives life & breath – (Job 12:10) NLT

HOW DOES ALL THIS TRUTH IMPACT ME?

(v.4) NKJV is needed on this verse.

- *Enter* = Come in.
 - Think about how Jesus invites people to salvation...
 - “*come to Me*” (Matt. 11:28-30) NLT
- *His gates* = Public meeting place.
- *Thanksgiving* = (#H8426)...
 - Can include:
 - a) Confession of sin
 - b) Songs of worship
 - c) Extending the hands
- *Praise* = Lit. public adoration

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- *Bless* = To kneel... to break down.

IN THE FINAL TAKE AWAY...

- The Psalmist expresses God’s character...
 - And his motivation for *thanksgiving*.

(v.5)

- The LORD is good
- His mercy is unending
- His truth reaches out to all generations

~ IN CLOSING ~

MAY OUR HEARTS ECHO...

- What King David wrote in... (Ps. 122:1) NLT

“I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the LORD.”