

## THANKSGIVING ATTITUDE

Reference: **Psalm 100:1-5**

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Psalm 100 was used by the nation of Israel as a psalm of thanks to God. As they gathered to worship, this psalm was used to reflect the attitude of their hearts. The thanks reflected in this psalm is not for personal blessing, but for the eternal nature of God.

### I. An Attitude of Worship

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

*Serve the Lord with gladness!*

*Come into his presence with singing!”*

**Psalm 100:1-2** (ESV)

You are a worshipper. All of us worship or value something. The question becomes “what do I value?” For many of us, what or who we worship may not be what we ought to worship.

The thing I value the most is \_\_\_\_\_.

We were made to worship and what we worship becomes our god.

The answer to the question “Why am I here?” is found in the verse. We are here to worship God.

How do we reflect God’s glory?

1) Shout with joy.

The dictionary defines shout as “a loud cry or call.”

Our lives are meant to be a joyful call to God. God wants us to get excited about who He is.

2) Worship with gladness.

Worship is “intense love or admiration.” God wants you to gladly or excitedly express your love to Him.

### II. An Attitude of Belonging

*“Know that the Lord, he is God!*

*It is he who made us, and we are his;*

*we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”*

**Psalm 100:3** (ESV)

Three roles of God:

- 1) Lord - To be the Lord is to be ruler or master. Our response is to recognize who God is and who we are not. **Exodus 3:13-15** (ESV)
- 2) Creator - If you create something, you have a right to receive worship from it.
- 3) Shepherd - “*We’re his people, his well-tended sheep.*” **Psalm 100:3** (the Message)

God guides us to the place of security, plenty and rest. **Psalm 23** (The Message)

### III. An Attitude of Thanks

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving,*

*and his courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to him; bless his name!”*

**Psalm 100:4** (ESV)

We thank God because of who He is and what He has done. **2 Corinthians 2:14** (ESV)

### IV. An Attitude of Reception

God has called us to receive the love He has given us.

*“For the Lord is good;*

*his steadfast love endures forever,*

*and his faithfulness to all generations.”*

**Psalm 100:5** (ESV)

We should be thankful because of God’s love for us. **John 3:16** (ESV)