

A THANKSGIVING PSALM

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INTRODUCTION: A true disciple is one who studies the life of his master purposing to follow his example and emulate his life. One of the most outstanding characteristics Jesus modeled for us was a thankful heart. Close observation reveals the connection between being thankful and the miraculous, and the spiritual with the material.

- **JOHN 6:9-14, 23** – By giving thanks he acknowledged the creator and giver of all things.
- **JOHN 11:40-41** – Here Jesus demonstrates giving thanks for answered prayer before it materializes. **PS. 118:21** and **PHIL. 4:6**
- **1 COR. 11:23-25** – Jesus taught Paul the power of “**THANK YOU!**”

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PS. 100:1

- A joyful noise – He calls upon all the earth to shout to Him as their king as, the angels did at His birth, as they did when He entered Jerusalem. The shout is made to Him as a triumphant conqueror who defeated Satan, sin, death, disease...

PS. 100:2

- With gladness – Cheerfully, willingly, with spiritual joy, not as the Jews did with slavish fear. We have joy unspeakable and are to enter His presence with singing.

PS. 100:3

- Knowing – He is our God and He is our creator, without Him, nothing exists. He created all things and sustains all things. Because of His mercy, we've become new creations in Christ.

PS. 100:4

- Enter His gates – **IS. 60:18** – We enter the walls of salvation through the gates of praise. Within those walls are God's presence, power, peace, protection, provision and fulfilled promises. We are to be thankful and speak well of His Name.

PS. 100:5

- Three powerful motivations – God's goodness, mercy and truth. As the Good Shepherd He laid down His life for the sheep. His mercy will never run out, and His truth liberates from the lies of the evil one.