

## Entering Into Thanksgiving Psalm 100

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### Thanksgiving

A Time of Traditions...

#### What is it NOT?

- Romans 1:21

*"The lack of thankfulness is the starting point of progressive and accelerating degeneration."* —John Whitmer, Commentary on Romans

- Luke 17:12-19

*"It matters not how straight the gate, and it matters not how charged with punishment the scroll, I am the master of my fate and I am the captain of my soul."* —Poem "Invictus" (Victory) by Edgar Wayne Henley

Two paths in life...

- 1. Ungratefulness** - Results in BITTERNESS.
- 2. Thanksgiving** - Results in BLESSING.

Big Idea: "God desires for His people to choose to respond to Him with humility, dependence and gratitude."

#### What is it?

Greek word "**eucharistia**"

Root word- **charis**: "expression of joy, everything about which one rejoices"

Plus- **eu**: "well, right, proper"

Together: "thankful attitude (from the heart); expression of gratitude; thanksgiving"

#### Psalm 100

- Enthronement Psalm- summary of psalms (96-99) that focus on Yahweh's Kingship and Rule over the earth
- May have been sung on way to one of feasts; after harvest?
- Time of celebration and praise

#### Psalm 100 Imperatives

- Shout- joyfully
- Serve- with gladness
- Come- in worship
- Know- Who God is; Who we are
- Enter- with thanksgiving, praise
- Give Thanks- to the Lord
- Bless- His name

*"The greatest act of faith of a human being is the admission that he is not God."*  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

## **What about during tough times?**

1 Thessalonians 5:18

*in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Examples in Scripture...

Psalms 92:1

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord; And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;*

Psalms 95:2

*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

Luke 22:19

*And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*

Ephesians 5:18-20

*...Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God.*

Philippians 4:6

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

## **How should we respond?**

Responding with Thanksgiving

- Come to the LORD
- Know the LORD is God
- Know we are His people
- Serve Him with gladness
- Give thanks
- Bless His name- worship

## **Psalms 100 (The Message)**

<sup>1</sup> A thanksgiving psalm On your feet now—applaud God!

<sup>2</sup> Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.

<sup>3</sup> Know this: God is God, and God, God. He made us; we didn't make him. We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

<sup>4</sup> Enter with the password: "Thank you!" Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank him. Worship him.

<sup>5</sup> For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.