

Psalm 100
Come Close and Celebrate, God's People!

- I. The form and place of Psalm 100.
 - A. Its nature as a thanksgiving song.
 - B. Its place in the Psalter at the end of "The Lord reigns!" psalms.
Ephesians 1:22; 5:19-20.
 - C. Its structure.
 - D. World-wide scope of the call.

- II. Come together to worship.
 - A. Serve and worship are two legs on which the believer walks.
Joshua 24:15; Romans 12:1.
 - B. Into his presence with singing!
A holy assembly of God's people. Hebrews 12:22-24.

- III. Come together to make a lot of thankful noise!
 - A. A tuned and harmonious shout!
 - B. Know that the Lord, he is God.
A gift of knowing, a gift of being: Genesis 12:2; Exodus 6:7; Jeremiah 31:34;
Ezekiel 34:31; Psalm 79:13; Psalm 95:7.
 - C. With thanksgiving, being thankful to him...

- IV. Come together to confess what our God is like.
 - A. We remember and confess what God is like.
Lamentations 3:25.
 - B. When is this service over?
Scope through time.
 - C. What is Thanksgiving all about? To confess and to celebrate...
 1. That he is the Creator.
Revelation 4:11.
 2. That he has called us out of our slavery so that we might know him.
Acts 26:18.
 3. That he has made a people, a flock of his pasture.
Revelation 5:9-10.
 4. That we might assemble together to praise and bless his name.
Hebrews 13:15.
 5. That we might express gratitude that God is who he is.
Hebrews 13:5-6; Matthew 28:20..
 6. That we might express our joy together that we belong to him.
John 10:14; Revelation 5:12.
 7. That we might encourage one another in faith and obedience
1 Peter 2:5 *you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

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