

PSALM 100

All Men Exhorted to Praise God

INTRODUCTION.

- A. A Psalm of Thanksgiving.
- B. Coffman points out that William Kenthe put this psalm into a poem and it is set to music by Louis Bourgeois with the tune that we recognize as "The Doxology." Coffman includes it and we give it here.

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL (Psalm 100)

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell; come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid He did us make;
We are His flock, He doth us feed, and for His sheep he doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure!

THE TEXT.

- Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.
3 Know that the LORD Himself is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- 4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise.
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.
5 For the LORD is good;
His lovingkindness is everlasting
And His faithfulness to all generations.

COMMENTS.

[v1,2] "Make a JOYFUL SHOUT to the Lord...serve the Lord w/ GLADNESS; come before His presence with SINGING." Our worship should be considered a great honor and privilege, and with gratitude and awe. Those who say they get nothing out of worship may want entertainment rather than an opportunity to serve and glorify God.

[v1] "...all you lands!" This is not a worship restricted to Israel, but should come from the whole earth.

[v3] "Know... He is God; it is He who made us... we are His people..." When we realize that He made us and bought us back when we left Him, we should count it a great blessing to be able to serve Him.

[v4] "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving... w/ praise. Be thankful... bless His name." These are descriptions of the worship that God wants and ways we should do the specific acts of worshipping Him that he commands.

[v5] "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting... His truth endures..." These are reasons we should want to worship Him as He directs us.