

SHOUT TO THE LORD

Psalm 100

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Psalm 100, subtitled “*A Psalm of Thanksgiving.*” One pastor translates it as a psalm of shouting.

- *Psalm 100:1 – Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

This is a command to shout!

Charles Spurgeon:

“The original word signifies a glad shout, such as loyal subjects give when their king appears among them. Our happy God should be worshipped by a happy people; a cheerful spirit is in keeping with his nature, his acts, and the gratitude which we should cherish for his mercies....”

Why do we holler so loudly at sports events, concerts or political rallies, but are so stiff, staid and formal when it comes to our worship of the Lord?

A few “shouting” verses: *Joshua 6:20; 2 Samuel 6:15; 2 Chronicles 15:14; Psalm 47:1; Isaiah 12:6; Psalm 33:3*

FIVE REASONS TO SHOUT TO THE LORD

1. The first reason to shout is that we get to serve.

- *Psalm 100:2a – Serve the Lord with gladness!*

Are you serving the Lord joyfully or just putting in your time?

Are you serving the Lord somewhere?

2. The 2nd reason to shout is God listens when we sing.

- *Psalm 100:2b – Come into His presence with singing!*

The Bible repeats. "*Sing praise*" more than 30 times.

Do you shout and sing to the Lord?

3. The 3rd reason to shout is that we get to submit.

- *Psalm 100:3 – 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.*

We submit to God's person because He alone is God.

(Exodus 3:14)

Have you made the right distinction and acknowledged God Almighty as the God of your life? Have you submitted to Him?

We submit to God's purposes because He has "*made*" us. He can do what He wants with us.

Are you willing to go along with God's plan?

We submit to God's word because we are "*the sheep of His pasture.*"

4. The 4th reason to shout is that we stride.

- *Psalm 100:4 – Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

Stride: to walk with long, decisive steps in a specified direction.

Robert Louis Stevenson:

"The person who has stopped being thankful has fallen asleep in life."

Puritan Thomas Watson:

"Praising God is one of the highest and purest acts of religion. In prayer we act like men; in praise we act like angels."

5. The 5th and final reason to shout is that God's love is steadfast.

- *Psalm 100:5 – For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.*

What does this mean for you personally and for future generations?

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