

A Psalm for Thanksgiving

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A Psalm of Thanksgiving

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful singing.

Know that the LORD Himself is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

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Psalm 100:4-5

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Main Point

Knowing who the LORD is and what
He is like will move us to worship
Him with joy and thanksgiving.

The structure of the Psalm

Verses 1 and 2 command responses to the LORD.

Shout! Serve! Come!

Verse 3 gives reasons for these responses.

He alone is God. He made us. We belong to Him.

Verse 4 commands responses to the LORD.

Enter! Give thanks! Bless!

Verse 5 gives reasons for these responses.

His goodness. His lovingkindness. His faithfulness.

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Who is the LORD?



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He is the one true God.

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**This asserts the exclusivity of Yahweh
as the one and only true God.**

2 Kings 19:19

“Now, O LORD our God, I pray,
deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth
may know that You alone, O LORD, are God.”

Psalms 86:10

“For You are great and do wondrous deeds;
You alone are God.”

Though it is subtle and sometimes difficult to discern, we are tempted to embrace a functional pantheon of gods, turning to idols instead of the LORD.

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We would never assert that we are our own creator, but we are tempted to think and act as if we are!

Psalm 100:3

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Isaiah 45:12

“It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it.
I stretched out the heavens with My hands
And I ordained all their host.”

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He is the Great Shepherd.

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Psalm 23:1

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Psalm 80:1

Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph like a flock;
You who are enthroned above the cherubim,
shine forth!

The LORD is the Great Shepherd
who cares for His flock, protecting
and providing all that we need.

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What is He like?

What is the LORD like?

He is good.

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Exodus 33:19

“I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you,
and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you.”

The goodness of God is the perfection of His being.

*“The goodness of God is the brightness
and loveliness of our majestic Creator.”*

(Stephen Charnock)

His goodness is revealed in His benevolence.

*“God’s goodness is His disposition to communicate
happiness to His creatures.”*

(Jonathan Edwards)

Psalm 119:68

“You are good and do good.”

Psalm 106:1

“Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.”

Psalm 84:11

“For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
The LORD gives grace and glory; no good thing does
He withhold from those who walk uprightly.”

What is the LORD like?

He is good.

He is eternally loving.

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His lovingkindness is “to eternity”!

1 John 4:16

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the love which God has for us. God is love.

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Therefore, *He loves!*

The Love of God

*Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.*

What is the LORD like?

He is good.

He is eternally loving.

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Psalm 119:90

Your faithfulness continues throughout
all generations.

*“He never forgets, never fails,
never falters, never forfeits His Word.
To every declaration of promise or prophecy,
the Lord has exactly adhered,
every engagement of covenant
or threatening He will make good.”
(A.W. Pink)*

Deuteronomy 7:9

“Know therefore that the LORD your God,
He is God, the faithful God.”

2 Timothy 2:13

If we are faithless, He remains faithful,
for He cannot deny Himself.

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What is He like?

How then should this move us?

Remember the structure...

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Worship is the response of a soul
wholly devoted to the LORD.

It is seen in a desire to be
in His presence and a desire
to gladly serve Him.

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It should move us to worship.

It should move us to joy.

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What is the disposition of your soul,
especially as you gather to worship?

How does this show?

Proverbs 15:13

“A joyful heart makes a cheerful face.”

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1 Chronicles 16:34

“O give thanks to the LORD, **for He is good;**
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

Colossians 3:16

“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you,
with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another
with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing **with thankfulness in your hearts** to God.”

If we know that God is good and that He always does good, our hearts should be filled with a gratitude that overflows into thanksgiving.

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Concluding Instructions/Questions:

Take time to consider the nature and character of God, meditating on who He is and what He is like.

Focus on His love as seen in the Gospel.

Consider your responses to your life; do they demonstrate your faith?

Consider your countenance; does it reflect a disposition of joy?