

REASONS FOR SERVING GOD

Psalm 100

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Psalm 100 tells us to serve with gladness and joy, to give thanks and praise God
- B. This is asking quite a lot of an individual because it involves total dedication to God Rom 12:1,2
- C. However, Psalm 100 also gives us six good valid reasons for doing so
- D. Consider with me these six reasons given in this Psalm for they will help us to have a better appreciation for our responsibilities in serving the God of heaven

DISCUSSION:

I. GOD IS SOVEREIGN (v.3)

- A. SOVEREIGN = one who exercises supreme authority
- B. JEHOVAH = "The existing one" Ex 6:3; Psa 83:18
- C. "I AM" = the eternal existence Ex 3:14
- D. Put all things under Christ but HE is excepted
1Cor 15:27

II. GOD IS OUR CREATOR (v 3)

- A. We exist because of God Gen 1:26
- B. Even nature shows God as creator Psa 19:1
- C. The creator is superior to the creature Jhn 13:16
- D. This fact alone should cause us to desire to serve Him

III. GOD IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS CREATION (v 3)

- A. God is concerned about that which belongs to Him, He will not allow his people to be taken from Him
Jhn 10:28-30
- B. "Sheep of His pasture" Jesus is the chief shepherd
Jhn 10:1-18
- C. God will never leave or forsake us Heb 13:5
- D. Ought then to enter into His courts with praise

IV. GOD IS GOOD (v 5)

- A. Many earthly rulers are not good
- B. God is sovereign, has absolute authority, but is also good Rom 11:22
- D. Goodness of God leads to repentance Rom 2:4
- E. Therefore, we ought to be thankful to Him

V. GOD IS MERCIFUL (v.5)

- A. His mercy means that He is so compassionate that He finds a way to forgo punishment, even when justice demands punishment
 - 1. Justice demanded death as punishment Rom 6:23
 - 2. Mercy compels compassion = devising a way to forgo punishment of those who deserve it, hence the death of Jesus 1Pet 2:21-25

B. God's mercy is everlasting, His plan for forgiveness will last until time is no more Eph 2:4-7

C. This should cause us to want to bless His name

VI. GOD'S TRUTH ENDURES (v 5)

- A. One characteristic of many if not most of our leaders is that they often feel it is in the best interest of followers to tell a lie or hold back part of the truth
- B. God's word is truth and shall not pass away Jhn 17:17; Mk 13:31
- C. God has not withheld any information needed by man 2Pet 1:3
- D. Jesus is the way, the truth Jhn 14:6
- E. The Truth makes us free Jhn 8:32
- F. Therefore, we have good reason to make a joyful noise unto the Lord

CONCLUSION:

- A. Why should we sing praise unto God; serve Him; thank Him; and bless Him?
- B. Because the Lord is God; we are His by right of creation; He is our shepherd (if we allow Him to be); He is good; merciful and His truth is always available to all generations
- C. Psalm 100 gives excellent reasons for committing ourselves to His service in obedience to His word, the truth Jhn 17:17
- D. We must yield ourselves in obedience to him in order to be made free from sin and become servants of righteousness Rom 6:16-18