

PSALM 100 vs 1

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The ancient headline for this psalm reads: **A Psalm of Thanksgiving**. This is the only Psalm bearing this precise inscription. It is all ablaze with grateful adoration and has for this reason been a great favorite with the people of God since it was written. “**Let us sing the Old Hundredth**” is one of the everyday expressions of the Christian church, and will be so, while men exist whose hearts are loyal to the Great King – Charles Spurgeon.



The Greeks think this Psalm was written by David, who here invites all the world to join those ruled by God, in the service of God, whose sovereignty he here recognizes – Samuel Burder, 1839. **Mercy = getting what we do not deserve.**

A Psalm of giving Thanks,

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Think about it: the original word signifies a glad shout, such as loyal subjects give when their king appears among them; the people of God have a reason to sing; we come before Him, not weeping and wailing, but with Psalms and hymns. How some can find it in their hearts to forbid singing in public worship is a riddle which we cannot solve – Charles Spurgeon.

³ Know that the LORD, He is God: it is He who made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Think about it: worship must be intelligent; we ought to know who we worship and why. “Man, know thyself” is a wise aphorism, yet to know God is wisdom. It is dubious whether a man can know himself until he knows his God. Some call themselves “self-made”, and adore their supposed creators; but the people of God recognize the origin of their well-being, and take no honor to themselves – Charles Spurgeon.

⁴ Enter His gates giving thanks, and His courts with praise: be thankful to Him, and take the knee to His name. Think about it; in public service, giving thanks must abound; like incense of the temple which filled the whole house. As long as we receive mercy we must be givers of thanks. The living God who made us, opens to us His gates of praise, even to the most guilty. – Charles Spurgeon.

⁵ For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and He is full of faith to all generations. Think about it: this sums up His character and contains reasons for praise. He is good, gracious, kind, generous, yes, God is love. Joy and gladness is urged on us from an argument of God’s goodness. He entered into covenant with His people, and He will never revoke it. As our fathers found Him full of faith, so will our sons, and their seed forever. We bow before One who never broke His word or changed His purpose – Charles Spurgeon.

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