A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 100:1-3a Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God.

A Joyful Response

Zephaniah 3:17(ESV) “The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.”

Last line in NASB “He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.”

Last line in NIV “(he) will rejoice over you with singing.”

Joy A Way of Life

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy…

Nehemiah 8:10d “the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Acts 13:52(NASB) And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:28 “You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.”

Shout for joy **TO THE LORD**

“Worship the LORD…Know that the LORD is God.”

*“Yahweh”* the eternally self-existent One, is God, one who is or ought to be worshiped. We are to worship him “with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”

Worship Our Creator

Psalm 100:3b(NASB) It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves.

Colossians 1:15&16 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

John 1:1-3, 14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made…The Word became flesh and made his swelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

I John 4:16-19(NASB) We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, because as he is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because he first loved us.

We Are His Sheep

Psalm 100:3c we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Isaiah 53:6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

John 10:11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

John 10:14&15 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Thanksgiving and Praise

Psalm 100:4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Rejoicing and thanksgiving go well together. I Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Rejoicing, prayer, thanksgiving and peace. Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice...Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Zephaniah 3:17c He will quiet you with his love.

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Psalm 100:5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Luke 18:19 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good – except God alone.” (The word translated good in this verse is also translated kind or generous.)

“His love endures forever.” I John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

“His faithfulness continues through all generations.” I Thessalonians 5:24 The one who call you is faithful, and he will do it.

The word translated “faithfulness” can also be translated “truth,” as in the King James. Jeremiah 9:5 Friend deceives friend, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie; they weary themselves with sinning.

God’s truth continues through all generations.

Things to Remember

Although there are times for fasting and mourning, we should come to worship God with joyful, thankful hearts, praising His Name.

We should rejoice over our relationship with God because He rejoices over His relationship with us.

We should worship Him as our Creator and Good Shepherd – who lays down His life for His sheep.

We should love Him, because He first loved us and Jesus proved His love by going to the cross.