



SUNDAY IN HOME WORSHIP

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COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

PRAY IN RESPONSE

We have just heard God speaking to us through his word, so let's speak back!

- Respond by praising him for his character and work revealed here
- Express your thankfulness to him as the passage calls us to
- Confess sin in light of how God is calling us to live
- Pray for peace and thankfulness for one another at this time
- Thank God for his gift of songs and the joy of singing
- Ask God to be teaching us lots through our singing
- Ask God to be growing us in gratitude towards him

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
To him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow him.

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BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

PSALM 100

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

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

HEAR, GRASP & LIVE GOD'S WORD

In the mid 1600's in England, 150 very clever Christians met together over a five year period for the most intense Bible study ever! The outcome was what's called the Westminster Catechism. It's a summary of biblical doctrine in short question and answer form and it's still used today. (You might like to look it up this week). Interestingly, the very first question they thought it important to begin with is this: "What is the chief and highest end (purpose) of humanity?"

How might we answer that question? What *is* the greatest goal of humanity? What *is* the point of our lives? Their answer is this: “To glorify God and fully to enjoy him forever.”

HEAR GOD’S WORD

Re-read Psalm 100 together. You may even like to read it aloud in one voice if you are meeting with others. As you hear it again, silently ponder how Psalm 100 speaks to this question and helps to answer it.

GRASP GOD’S WORD

PSALM 100

- Notice the little line before the psalm begins. These lines are Holy Spirit inspired Scripture and not publisher headings. What does it tell us this psalm is for? What affect is this poem designed to have on us?

PSALM 100:1-2

- What is commanded in verses 1 & 2?
- What might be the significance of the three-fold repetition?
- Who is this command for? Just believers?
- What specific emotions are called for?
- To whom are those responses to be given?

PSALM 100:3

- How has your shouting for joy to the LORD been this past week? Have the events of COVID-19 made that harder to do?

- Joyful praises aren't something we have to conjure up from within our own hearts, but they begin in our heads with what we know. So what do we know from verse 3?
- Again, what might be the significance of the three-fold repetition?
- Read Exodus 19:5-6 & 1 Peter 2:9-10. Relish in what an amazing privilege it is to be the people of God *in Christ!*
- What comfort comes to us through knowing that we belong to the LORD, the One true God?
- Notice the poetic language of sheep in a pasture. What sense does this give us about God's care for us?

PSALM 100:4

- What physical place does the psalmist have in mind where we are to enter with our praises?
- Where is that place now according to 1 Peter 2:4-5? Who is the 'living stone' this all hinges on?
- So though we aren't able to meet in our church building today, we are not cut off from the dwelling place of God on earth because we *are* the dwelling place of God on earth!

PSALM 100:5

- Notice all the verbs ('doing' words) in verses 1-4 (shout, worship, enter). Verse 3 has already prompted our praise by reminding us of what God has *done*. Verse 5 prompts our praise by reminding us of who he *is*. What do we learn about the character of God in verse 5?
- What comfort comes to us through knowing the character of our God?
- How would you summarise Psalm 100 to someone? How does it help us to "glorify God and to fully enjoy him forever?"

It's a glorious psalm isn't it? And only five short verses! In effect, we can hear the psalmist saying to his fellow believers: "Just look at us! The One true God has made us into a people of his very own, built on his never-ending love and faithfulness!"

And then remember who the call went out to right back up in verse 1—all the earth! It's as though our joyful song of worship is a cry for all the world to join in. By God's design we are an exclusive group, but one where the doors are never locked and where the invitations are always going out. "Come and know this powerful and caring God who shepherds us! Come and have your hearts stirred by eternal truth! Come and enjoy our God!" That's our song.

LIVE GOD'S WORD

We can respond to God's word in our living in the following ways:

- By meditating more on who he is (verse 5) and what he's done (verse 3)
- By celebrating how these blessings of Psalm 100 have been made fully ours through Jesus, our risen King
- By switching on our brains and engaging our hearts to bring him joyful and grateful praise through song
- By looking forward to doing that with gusto when we can next be all together remembering God is so worthy of our shouts for joy
- By preaching the gospel to call others to come and share in this life of joyful worship of the LORD who makes and loves his people

PRAY IN RESPONSE

Pray to God in response to his word

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come, people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the morning star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Rejoice, rejoice

Let every tongue rejoice

One heart one voice

Oh, church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace

Chorus

Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age our God is all in all

Chorus

