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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

God is the giver of joy

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

Dear Lord, thank You for the joy that is ours through the Spirit

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**

For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands

(Psalm 92:4 NKJV)

(from "Our Daily Bread", Jan 28, 2018)

**Series: Celebrating God**

**UNIT 2: Called to Praise God**

**NEXT WEEK**

**Praise for God's Ultimate Justice**

(Psalm 9:1-12)

## **Praise God with Joy** **Psalm 100:1-5**

**Lesson Background and Introduction**

Psalm 100 is a brief poem that speaks to the proper response of the people of God to him. The ancient Israelites may have sung this psalm during the Festival of Ingathering (Exodus 23:16b; 34:22b), also called the Festival of Tabernacles (example: Deuteronomy 31:10). This annual seven-day observance celebrated the fall harvest and the completion of the agricultural year. Enthusiastic joy is fitting for those who have come to experience God as described in Psalm 100. Here the psalmist calls the reader to a life of joyous thanksgiving and praise in the presence of our Lord. When we ponder who God is and who we are, then praise and thanksgiving are called for. The call to worship in this regard is a call away from the mundane distractions of life and toward the holy and loving God. The concerns of the preceding week should fade as the congregation at worship focuses minds and affections on the ever-present Lord. The Lord is God, He is the Creator, He is our shepherd. He is good and faithful. We are his people, the sheep for whom He cares. Generations before us have experienced His goodness. And until our Lord Jesus returns, all generations who follow us are invited to experience his steadfast mercy and kindness as well. How can we not join the psalmist in singing, rendering thanks and praise to the good and faithful God who calls us His own?

*(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)*

**Praise God** - The writer of Psalm 100 called for everyone, past and present, not just the Jewish nation, but all human beings, to praise Jehovah. The psalmist painted a picture of God with his words. He emphasized God's faithfulness as the sustainer of the universe, like a good shepherd who closely watches over his sheep. There is nothing wrong with quiet worship coming from the heart, but this hymn implied a heart bursting with gladness and joy, praising God with sounds.

**A Warm Welcome** - In ancient days after a battle, the victorious army returned home to a welcome parade. The heroes filed into their communities on horseback or in grand chariots. The residents wildly cheered; played instruments; and tossed flowers, tree branches, or something festive along the parade route. Usually, the warriors brought back the enemy nation's wealth to their community. At times, the noise in the city rang out so loudly it hurt the eardrums. The psalmist asked for a similar ceremony in Psalm 100. Imagine Jehovah, the champion, victor, protector, provider, and so much more as the main attraction of this kind of procession. It is hard to think of the participants being solemn and quiet.

**Not Duty, but Delight** - The words of the psalm imply a God who desires to pass along His delight to His servants. Anything done for God or in His name should be done without grudges or an attitude of duty. Count it a privilege to serve Him, an honor to be in His family. Why praise? God is supreme, the one and only. He is Yahweh, the real and true God. He made the universe; the world needs to show Him adoration, recognizing God is the Master Designer. Human beings are His workmanship. Therefore, He has ownership, like a shepherd who owns His sheep.

**Global Worship for Unending Grace** - The psalmist spoke about worldwide worshipers entering the courts of the temple with thanksgiving. Man deserves God's wrath and punishment. Instead, the Father is gracious; He extends pardon after pardon. He wants all to come to repentance and none to be lost. That's the heart of our heavenly Father.

*(Adapted from the Echoes Commentary)*

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### Rejoice in God's Presence (Ps 100:1-2)

#### *In His presence with joy (1)*

- Joy because it is fitting (Ps 33:1)
- Joy because of reconciliation (Rom 5:10-11)
- Joy because of God's refuge (Ps 5:11)
- Joy because of God's reign (Ps 97:1)
- Joy because of God's mighty deeds (Ps 118:15)

#### *In His presence to serve (2)*

- Serve by being a servant (Matt 20:26-28)
- Serve by being eager to help (2 Cor 9:1-2)
- Serve by helping God's people (Heb 6:10)
- Serve faithfully (1 Cor 4:1-2)
- Serve by being God's fellow worker (1 Cor 3:8-9)

#### *In His presence with singing (2)*

- Songs of the heart (Eph 5:19)
- Songs of gratitude (Col 3:16)
- Songs of praise (James 5:13)
- Songs of thanksgiving (Ps 147:7)
- Songs of God's wonderful acts (Ps 105:2)
- Songs of exhortation (Ps 95:2)

### Rejoice in God's Pasture (Ps 100:3)

#### *Pasture ruled by God (3)*

- Ruled because Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt 28:18)
- Ruled because it was prophesied (Rom 15:12)
- Ruled because Jesus was given sovereign power (Dan 7:14)
- Ruled because God appointed Jesus Lord (Acts 2:36)

#### *Pasture that God made (3)*

- God created by His word (Ps 33:6-9)
- God and God alone created all things (Neh 9:6)
- God created through His wisdom, understanding and knowledge (Prov 3:19-20)
- God created because in Him all things exist (Col 1:16-17)

#### *Pasture for God's sheep (3)*

- Sheep that gives praise forever for pasture (Ps 79:13)
- Sheep that are God's people (Ps 95:7)
- Sheep that God gathers and carries (Isa 40:11)
- Sheep owned by God (Ezek 34:31)
- Sheep whose souls have God as their Overseer (1 Peter 2:25)

### Rejoice in God's Church (Ps 100:4-5)

#### *In His church with thanksgiving (4)*

- Thanksgiving for God's provisions (1 Cor 10:29-30)
- Thanksgiving as part of prayers (Phil 4:6)
- Thanksgiving and prayer for others (1 Tim 2:1)
- Thanksgiving for all things (Eph 5:20)

#### *In His church praising His goodness (5)*

- Praise God for His goodness because it is stored up us (Ps 31:19)
- Praise God for the goodness of His word (Heb 6:5)
- Praise God for His calling of us out of His goodness (2 Peter 1:3)
- Praise God for His goodness because it can't be repaid (Ps 116:12-14)

#### *In His church praising His mercy (5)*

- Mercy that is prompted by love (Ps 89:28-33)
- Mercy that comes from serving God's purposes (Acts 13:34-37)
- Mercy that endures forever (Ps 106:1)
- Mercy that empowers perseverance (James 5:11)
- Mercy that makes Christians a people of God (1 Peter 2:10)

#### *In His church praising His truth (5)*

- Truth that is rejoiced in (1 Cor 13:6)
- Truth that commends in the sight of God (2 Cor 4:2)
- Truth that nothing can be done against (2 Cor 13:8)
- Truth that is part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:9)