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From the Pastor



Thanks God!

During this upcoming Thanksgiving season I'd like to give you some thoughts toward Psalm 100. In this Psalm I find the word thanksgiving twice. Take a look at Psalm 100.^a

¹ *A Psalm for Thanksgiving.*

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

² *Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful singing.*

³ *Know that the LORD Himself is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

⁴ *Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise.*

Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

⁵ *For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting
And His faithfulness to all generations.*

The first time I see thanksgiving is a way to describe this song to God. There is much to be thankful for that is found in this Psalm.

We are commanded to shout with the shout of a battle cry to the Lord. We are told to serve Him with gladness. We are to come to Him with singing that is filled with joy. Why is there to be such joy and thankfulness? Look on.

God is our creator. We are on this earth because God in His graciousness has decided to give us life. Because of this we are His people; we are like sheep that are part of His farm.

What a joy to have life. We have this life because God has given us life. We should sing out in joy because we are to be thankful because God has given us this great gift.

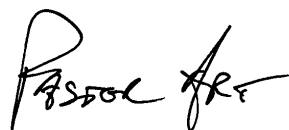
And now I come to the second time we see the word thanksgiving. This time we are to enter the gates of heaven with thanksgiving.



We are called to pray to God thanking Him. The reason is because He is a good God. The word lovingkindness speaks of God's continual forgiveness of us. No matter how many times we mess up, each time we come before God He is willing to forgive us and love us. We are to thank God for how loving He is.

This Thanksgiving, just before you break into your wonderful dinner, let me encourage you to break out Psalm 100. After you read it consider giving a shout out to God.

In Him and for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Art". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Art

^aNew American Standard Bible Updated