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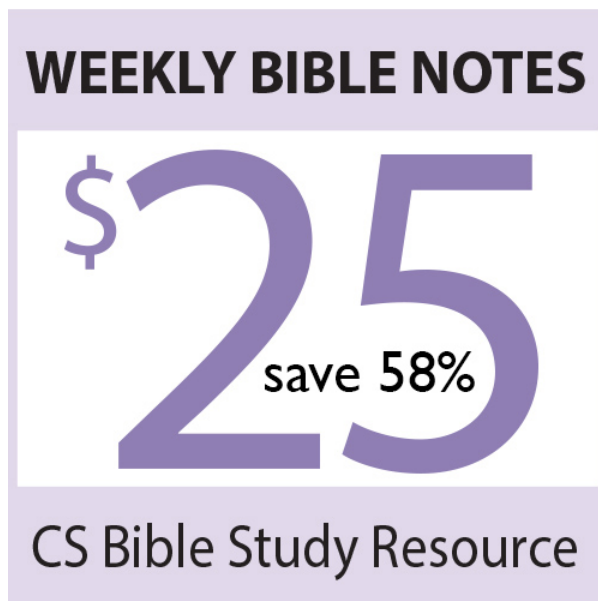
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Psalm 100:1-5

Shout for Joy to the Lord, All You Lands! | A Psalm of Thanksgiving (NRSV)

(CEB)* ¹ Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy! ³ Know that the LORD is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name! ⁵ Because the LORD is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

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COMMENTARY/RESOURCES:

OVERVIEW: “*Psalm 100*. The psalmist celebrates the fact that Israel has a special relationship to God and summons worshipers to praise the Lord for his faithfulness.” (***New English Translation notes***) “The psalmist exhorted the congregation to serve the Lord with gladness because He is the Creator, and to enter His temple with much thanksgiving because He is good and faithful.” (***Bible Knowledge Commentary (BKC)***) “Psalm 100 is the only psalm that is explicitly identified as ‘a psalm for giving thanks.’ It is the very quintessence of thanksgiving.” (***An Expositional Commentary (BOICE)***)

1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. (KJV)

(NIV) Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

COMMENTARY: “The psalm opens with a hymnic call to sing the praise of God with shouts of joy. The echo of the exultant joy in God shall resound not only in the midst of the festal congregation in the Temple; it shall be heard in ‘all the lands’. In the presence of God the members of the worshipping congregation felt themselves united with all his worshippers in *one* great communion of faith.” (***The Old Testament Library (OTL)***)

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. (KJV)

(NRSV) Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

(VOICE) Serve the Eternal gladly; enter into His presence singing songs of joy!

COMMENTARY: *Serve the Lord with gladness*) “That is, In your worship, and in all your acts of obedience. Let there be joy in this service. Let it not be with the fear of slaves; not as a matter of compulsion and force; not with reluctance, moroseness, or gloom. Let it be a cheerful, happy service; let it be freely rendered, let it be an occasion of joy to the soul. The service of God is a source of the highest joy that man knows.” (***Notes on the Old and the New Testaments (BARNES)***)

“The pilgrims from various lands who gathered to the feast betokened the Lord’s world-wide rule. **Serve the Lord with gladness:** The word **serve** is a technical term for performing as servants or subjects what is proper in worship. But **gladness** is the mark of the service rendered to the Lord. The **gladness** expresses itself in jubilant **singing** as his people draw near to his sanctuary.” (***The Interpreter’s Bible (IB)***, p533)

METACOMMENT: “Serving the Lord is not limited to public worship. To serve is to do something,—to do something for one’s self and for others. It means the performance of the daily duties in the home, in the office, in the place of business. One serves when he does whatever is required of him, and whatever it is his duty to do. If he does so honestly, thoroughly, and gladly, he serves the Lord. One is in God’s presence all the time, and it is his privilege to know this; if he does, he is glad and sings. One may sing without being heard audibly. True singing includes right thinking, and the audible expression in song is in order at the opportune time. The results of true singing—whether audible or inaudible—are health and holiness, joy and peace, love to God and goodwill towards men.” (**Odom, Brigman C., “Glad Service”, *Sentinel*** Vol. 3 (14 March 1925), p. 546.

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3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (KJV)

(AMP) Know (perceive, recognize, and understand with approval) that the Lord is God! It is He Who has made us, not we ourselves [and we are His]! We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

(NEB) Know that the LORD is God; he has made us and we are his own, his people, the flock which he shepherds.

COMMENTARY: “**The LORD is God**, i.e., he alone is God, and there is none beside him. **He...made us** and as creator he claims us. But better still, he adopts us, **we are his people**, the special flock which he wishes to shepherd. By such a tender figure the character of the LORD’s dominion over Israel is defined. **It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves** is a translation of a text which was the result of a correction of the scribes confessedly made ‘from motives of reverence’ or to avoid anthropomorphic suggestions.” (*The Interpreter’s Bible (IB)*, p534)

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. (KJV)

(CEB) Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name!

(FENTON) Come enter His Gates, then, with thanks, Extol Him with praise in His Courts, By blessing His Name.

(TPT) You can pass through his open gates with the password of praise. Come right into his presence with thanksgiving. Come bring your thank offering to him and affectionately bless his beautiful name!

COMMENTARY: “The opening words of the second part of the psalm were probably sung by the choir of priests, before the festival congregation passed through the gates of the Temple and entered its forecourts. As in the first part of the psalm, they begin with a call to enter the sanctuary with songs of praise in order to testify there to God and to praise his name.” (*The Old Testament Library (OTL)*, p647)

Thanksgiving/praise) “The Rabbis affirmed that while all other offerings would cease, not so the thank-offering (Midrash *Shocher Tov*). By this they intended that the need for sin-offerings, etc. might conceivably be no more, but the call on man’s sentiment of gratitude to God must always exist.” (*Soncino Books of the Bible (SONCINO)*)

5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. (KJV)

(GNT) The Lord is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever.

(TPT) For the Lord is always good and ready to receive you. He’s so loving that it will amaze you—so kind that it will astound you! And he is famous for his faithfulness toward all. Everyone knows our God can be trusted, for he keeps his promises to every generation!

COMMENTARY: “‘For the Lord is good.’ The God of the Bible is and has always been good. When he created the world and all that is in it, he saw that it was ‘good’ (Genesis 1:4-31). The word *gospel* means the ‘good news,’ The very word *God* is a shortened form of ‘good.’” (*An Expositional Commentary (BOICE)*) “The shout of the goodness of God in this verse is buttressed by an appeal to **His mercy** and **His truth**. The Hebrew word for *truth* comes from the root meaning ‘to be established’ or ‘to be confirmed.’ From this root also comes the word *amen*, meaning ‘surely’ or ‘truly.’ God’s goodness is based on His loyal love and His truth.” (*Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Commentary (NNIBC)*)

METACOMMENT: “If one consider the present sense of God’s goodness, which is apparent on every hand, he will see he has much, even from the merely human standpoint, for which to be grateful. Christian Science, however, unfolds to the willing thinker of good such marvels of divine Truth and Love that, whatever the lying testimony of the material senses, one can still say from the heart, “Father, I thank thee.” Yes, the Christian Scientist can always say: I thank Thee, dear Father, that Thou and Thou alone art All; that in all of infinitude naught is but Thee and Thy perfections; that here and now man exists as Thy perfect reflection, conscious of Thy marvelous good!! Thus, with the truth as revealed in Christian Science each one may understand how to

thank God for all the incomparable glories of reality, although they may still seem remote from complete realization. With thought held to such steadfast contemplation of spiritual good, each will find his thanksgiving made perfect. Doing thus, even the complaining sense, which would argue there is nothing to be grateful for, will be silenced; and this understanding of realities will also reveal, embrace, and protect every least present sense of good." (Hoag, Ella W., *"Thanksgiving Day"*, Journal Vol. 40 (November 1922), p. 327.)

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