

Studying the Psalms  
“Psalms of Praise”

Psalms 100

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Psalms 100 – A Psalm of Praise

**Psalms 100:1-3 – God Is To Be Praised!**

*1 “Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands.*

*2 Serve Jehovah with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*

NOTE: Deuteronomy 12:11-12 and 28:47-48; Malachi 1; cf. Psalms 95:2

*Psalms 122:1, “I was glad when they said unto me, let us go unto the house of Jehovah.”*

*3 Know ye that Jehovah, he is God: it is he that hath made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”*

cf. Psalms 95:7

The psalm is based on the unity of the human race; on the fact that there is one God and Father of all, and one great family on earth. (cf. Acts 17:26)

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- This completes a group (95-100). Not a mournful note in the Psalm. Contrast Psalms 88.
- The call in verse 1 sounds like Psalms 98:4, 6; 66:1. All lands, or rather all men, belonging to the earth’s population.
- Let all the nations know that Jehovah is the true God (Psalms 33:6-9). The idols are vanity (Psalms 115; Isaiah 44:9-20). They have no claim to worship; but God is the Creator of all, and is entitled to universal adoration.
- Every created thing, therefore, is a proof of the existence of God; the immensity of the universe is an illustration of the greatness of His power (Romans 1:18ff).

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**Psalms 100:4-5 – Why God Is To Be Praised!**

*4 “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks unto him, and bless his name.”*

- The “courts” were literally the open spaces which surrounded the tabernacle or temple.
- Give Thanks to HIM.

***Psalms 50:14, “Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High”***

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**Psalms 100:4-5**

*4 “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks unto him, and bless his name.” (Psalms 18:49; 30:12; Luke 17:16 )*

*5 “For Jehovah is good; His lovingkindness (endureth) for ever, and his faithfulness unto all generations.”*

God’s moral character established:

- (1) His benevolence.
- (2) His mercy. Without mercy, man could have no hope. A sinner has no claim on God, and all his hope must be derived from God’s infinite/everlasting compassion.
- (3) His truth.
  - (a) He is a God of truth.
  - (b) His truth endures, or that in all generations He shows himself to be faithful to his promises.

Studying the Psalms  
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Psalms 139

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**Psalms 139 – A Psalm of Praise**

A song of praise. For God’s omniscience and omnipresence, and a supplication to God that grows of this recognition of His greatness.

- 1. The omniscience of God. Verses 1-6
- 2. The omnipresence of God. Verses 7-12
- 3. The omnipotence of God. Verses 13-18
- 4. A supplication to God. Verses 19-24

**Psalms 139 – A Psalm of Praise**

- 1. The omniscience of God. Verses 1-6

*1 O Jehovah, thou hast searched me, and known (me).*  
(cf. Psalms 44:21)  
*2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off.* (cf. Genesis 6:5; Psalms 94:11)  
*3 Thou searchest out my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.* (Isaiah 30:28; Amos 9:9; Luke 22:31)  
*4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether.* (cf. Matthew 12:37)  
*5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thy hand upon me.*  
*6 (Such) knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.* (cf. Psalms 8)

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- 2. The omnipresence of God. Verses 7-12
- 7 “Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?”* (cf. John 4:24)  
*8 If I ascend up into heaven (Original - “heavens,”), thou art there: if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there.”*  
“Heavens” – Genesis 1  
“*Sheol*” – “Into ‘sheol,’ Korah, Dathan, and Abiram went down alive (Num 16:30,33). In ‘sheol’ the body is corrupted and consumed by worms (Job 17:13-14; Ps 16:10; 49:14). They that rest together in the dust are said ‘to go down to the bars, or strong gates of sheol’ (Job 17:16). In ‘sheol’ there is no knowledge, nor can any praise God or give thanks there (Ps 6:5; Eccl 9:10; Isa 38:10-11). ‘Sheol’ and the pit, death and corruption, are synonymous (Ps 16:10; 89:48; Prov 1:12; 7:27; Ezek 31:16; Hos 13:14).” (Barnes’ Notes)