

OUR CALL TO THANKSGIVING

Psalm 100:1-5

Introduction:

1. The attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving sets and determines one's philosophy of life.
2. To whom and for what are you grateful?
3. This reveals the real man or woman inside.
 - A. Gratitude = our love and appreciation.
 - B. Gratitude molds and determines the foundation of who we are and what we are.

I. (vv. 1-2) THANKSGIVING IS A PUBLIC CALL.

1. (v. 1a) Worship is commanded to whom? (The Lord)
2. (v. 1b) Worship is commanded from whom? (All lands)
3. (v. 2a) Worship is continued with an attitude of gladness.
4. (v. 2b) Worship's countenance leads us to singing.
 - A. Songs of praise minister to our hearts.
 - B. Soldiers in WWII called a cease fire when the song "Silent Night" was sung on Christmas morning.
5. Here are Scriptures on the public call to Thanksgiving:
 - A. II Chron. 5:13 – ***It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good; for His mercy endures forever—that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord.***
 - B. Psalm 95:1 – ***Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.***
 - C. Col. 3:15 – ***And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you are called in one body; and be thankful.***
 - D. I Thess. 3:9 – ***For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy with which we joy for your sakes before our God.***

II. (v. 3) THANKSGIVING IS A PERSONAL CALL.

1. Know this is God's will.
 - A. Eph. 5:19-21 – ***Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.***
 - B. This determines our private and public relationship with God and others.
2. (v. 3a) Know His wonders – ***The Lord, He is God.***
3. (v. 3b-c) Know His works—***It is He that has made us, and not we ourselves.***
4. (vv. 3d-e) Know His wisdom—***we are His people, and the sheep of His (not our) pasture.***

III. (v. 4) THANKSGIVING IS A VERY PRECISE CALL.

1. We see the duty of thankfulness.
 - A. Thanks was expected in the Old Testament as sacrifices taught.
 - B. Thanks was expected in the New Testament as the supreme sacrifice of Jesus was given.

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (I Thess. 5:18).
2. We see the danger of the lack of thankfulness.
 - A. Rom. 1:21 – ***Because, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened.***
 - B. Ungratefulness is foundational to all the sins listed in Rom. 1.
3. (v. 4b) We see the duty of corporate praise to God.
 - A. We are to enter God's courts with praise.
 - B. We are to be thankful to God
 - C. We are to bless His name through the worship of our lips/ lives.

IV. (v. 5) THE THANKSGIVING CALL COMES FROM A PERFECT CALLER.

1. (v. 5a) God is perfect in His character.
2. (v. 5b) God is perfect in that He is changeless.
 - A. His mercy is everlasting.
 - B. His truth endures to all generations.

- C. He is not fickle like we are.
- D. He is perfect so He can't change.
- E. Hebrews 13:8 – ***Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.***

Conclusion:

I'm thankful that Jesus is a never-changing Lord in an ever-changing world.

How do you stack up in this life-long call to thanksgiving?