Psalm 100

Intro: This psalm is a song of praise and thanksgiving. It was probably sung by the procession of worshipers as they approached the temple with their thank offerings.

I. Verse One.
   A. The Israelites should praise God for all the benefits which He had bestowed upon them.
      1. He fed them.
         a. Manna; Exo. 16.
         b. Quail; Num. 11.
      2. He gave them water to drink.
         a. Exo. 17.
         b. Num. 20.
      3. He fought for them.
         a. Remember Jericho.
         b. Remember Gideon against the Midianites.
         c. Jos. 23:3 “And ye have seen all that the Lord your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the Lord your God is he that hath fought for you.”
      4. He had given them lands.
         a. Jos. 23:13 “Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you.”
         b. Neh. 9:7-8 “Thou art the Lord the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; "And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous:”
      5. He had given them leaders.
         a. Moses and Aaron.
         b. Joshua
         c. The judges.
         d. The kings.
         e. The priest and prophets.
      6. The list could go on.
   B. Today we need to praise God for all He has done for us.
      1. For all the physical blessings we receive as part of the human race.
      2. He gave us His only begotten Son.
         a. John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
         b. 1 John 4:9 “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.”
      3. He gave us His Word.
         a. Tit. 2:11-12 “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world,”
b. 2 Tim. 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

4. He gave us the church.
   a. Eph. 3:10-11 “To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in the heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:”
   b. Eph. 5:26-27, 29 “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. 27That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.... 29For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:”

5. For the spiritual blessings God gives us.
   a. No condemnation; Rom. 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”
   b. Redemption; forgiveness of sins;
      (1) Eph. 1:7 “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”
      (2) Col. 1:14 “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:”
   c. New creatures; 2 Cor. 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”
   d. Child of God; Gal. 3:26 “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”
   e. Salvation; 2 Tim. 2:10 “Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”
   f. All spiritual blessings; Eph. 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:”

6. We need to thank God for:
   a. What He had done.
   b. What He is doing.
   c. What He will do for us.

II. VERSE TWO.
   A. We should serve the Lord with gladness.
      1. Positively.
         a. Psa. 37:4 “Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”
         b. Psa. 40:8 “I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.”
      2. Negatively.
         a. No one should have to be forced to serve God.
         b. Deu. 28:47 “Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;” (context is the curses upon Israel).
B. We are to be joyous when we come into God’s presence.
   1. Psa. 122:1 “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.”
   2. Our worship services is to be spiritual, but it also needs to be joyous.
      a. Our singing.
         (1) should be the result of our joy.
         (2) should be pleasant to God and us.
         (3) should be scriptural.
      b. Our study.
         (1) should bring us joy.
         (2) Psa. 1:2 “But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

III. Verse Three.
A. God made us.
   1. Gen. 1:26-27 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”
   2. John 1:3 “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”
   3. Rom. 9:20-21 “Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? 21Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”
   4. Psa. 139 basically says: God, you, really made me, thus you really know me.
B. We are not ourselves; we are His people.
   1. Gal. 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”
   2. 1 Cor. 6:19-20 “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”
C. The sheep of His pasture.
   1. Christ is our Shepherd.
      a. Heb. 13:20 “Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,"
      b. John 10:1-16 Jesus is pictured as the good Shepherd.
   2. We are His sheep —we need His guidance.
      a. Isa. 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
      b. 1 Pet. 2:25 “For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”
      c. John 10:1-16 We hear His voice and follow Him.
IV. VERSE FOUR.
A. Wherever we enter to worship, we should be thankful and bless His name.
B. Eph. 5:20 “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”
C. Col. 3:15 “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.”
D. 1 The. 5:18 “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

V. VERSE FIVE.
A. God is good.
1. Mat. 19:17 “And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.”
2. God is the perfect example of goodness.
   a. His love.
   b. His grace and mercy.
   c. Observe calvary.
B. His mercy is everlasting.
1. Eph. 2:4 “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,”
2. Eph. 2:7 “That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”
C. His truth endureth to all generations.
1. Mat. 24:35 “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”
2. 1 Pet. 1:25 “But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

Conclusion: It is no wonder that we should praise His name and give thanks to Him in worship. Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord.