

LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED

Scripture: Psalm 100:1-5

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Introduction:

- A. This Psalm carries the title—A Psalm of Praise.
 - B. There are a number of ways this Psalm can be studied.
 1. There are seven commands in the Psalm; thus we could study all the commands of Psalm 100.
 - a. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
 - b. Serve the Lord with gladness. c. Come before His presence with gladness.
 - d. Know that the Lord, He is God.
 - e. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving.
 - f. Be thankful unto Him.
 - g. Bless His Name.
 2. We could study the reasons for keeping His commands.
 - a. The Psalm divides into two sections; vs. 1-3 and vs. 4,5.
 - b. The first section gives four commandments and then the reasons for keeping them...God made us and we are His people and His sheep.
 - c. The second section gives three commands and then the reasons for keeping them...The Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting...His truth endures to all generations.
 3. Or we could study it from the viewpoint of the happy, joyous attitude of God's surrendered people...Joyful noise...gladness...singing...thankfulness.
 - C. I have chosen to approach it with the practical view of what it teaches about True Praise.
- I. TRUE PRAISE IS BEING IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD. vs. 2,4
- A. We are commanded to come into His presence. v.2 Then in verse 4 we are commanded to enter into His gates.
 - B. God wants His people in His presence.
 1. One day we all will be in His eternal presence.
 2. Now, in this life, we can come into His presence in a very special way.
 - a. When we meet together to sing His praises and study His Word, we are in His very presence.
 - b. Jesus promised that where 2 or 3 are gathered in my Name, There am I in your midst.
 - C. True praise in our time is best displayed in our meeting Him the place of worship.
- II. TRUE PRAISE IS RECOGNIZING HIS AUTHORITY. v.3
- A. We praise Him when we recognize Him as God, the one true God.
 - B. We praise Him when we recognize Him as our Creator...He made us.
 - C. We praise Him when we admit to being His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- III. TRUE PRAISE IS DOING HIS WILL. v.2
- A. Serve the Lord. This is doing His will.
 1. To serve is to admit to His being Lord.
 2. We are His servants..bond slaves.
 - B. Jesus once asked, "Why do you call me Lord and do not my commandments?"
 - C. We praise His holy Name when we submit to His Lordship.
- IV. TRUE PRAISE IS BEING THANKFUL TO GOD. v.4
- A. To thank God is to admit that He is the source and Giver of all blessings.

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- B. We are commanded to enter into His gates with thanksgiving and to be thankful unto Him.
 - C. There is no greater way of praising God than to thank Him for our creation...for life...for salvation...for hope and for a 1000 other things.
- V. TRUE PRAISE GIVES VOICE TO OUR FEELINGS. vs. 1,2,4
- A. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord...singing or speaking or with some musical instrument. v.1
 - B. Come before His presence with singing...singing praises unto His Name. v.2
 - C. Enter His courts with praise...with some display of praise. v.4
 - D. Bless His Name...with words of praise. v.4
- VI. TRUE PRAISE IS PERFORMING ALL THESE COMMANDS WITH JOY AND GLADNESS.
- A. Joy and gladness and singing and praising are all named. These are all expressions of happiness in the service of our Lord.
 - 1. This is what God wants from His people for a happy people is a praising people.
 - 2. Happiness is the icing on the cake of praise.
 - B. To come into His gates and into His presence with a frown on the face and a chip on the shoulder is a slam against God and a disgrace to His name.