



# The Protocol of Worship

How do we enter God's presence? Psalm 100 tells us how. We must examine and engage our heart. God will meet us anytime, anywhere, and in anyplace - but we need to come into His presence with a heart, mind, body, and soul that acknowledges the presence of a King.

## I. INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS:

- A. Who is the greatest human that you have ever been in the presence of?
- B. Isn't it interesting how we'll wait for hours, standing in the same enclosed area, to catch a glimpse from 20 feet away of a president - but we often think nothing of running into the presence of God?
- C. Psalm 100 shows a pathway into the presence of God, like a procession for a King.

## II. PSALM 100.1 - RAISE YOUR VOICE TO GOD!

- A. 100.1 - *Make a joyful noise to the Lord.* NASU: *Shout joyfully to the Lord.*
- B. It's a glad shout like what loyal subjects give when the king approaches.

## III. PSALM 100.2A - RENDER HONOR TO GOD:

- A. 100.2a - *Serve the Lord with gladness.* "Serve" refers to a specific and personal activity. Here: it's about praising God.
- B. *We are glorifying Him by giving Him honor/adoration due because He is God.*

## IV. PSALM 100.2B - DRAW NEAR TO GOD WITH SINGING:

- A. 100.2b - *Come into His presence with singing.*
  1. The songs we sing are not meant to create gladness - but to express it.
  2. When we come together we aren't here to worship our singing. *We are worshipping God.* Psalm 29.1-2, 4.
- B. Worship is not seeking *to be blessed*, but *to bless* Him with our words **and** our lives.
  1. Isaiah 29.13 - to how many does this passage apply?
  2. It is time we changed how we think about worship. *We need a larger view.*

## V. PSALM 100.3 - ACKNOWLEDGE GOD:

- A. 100.3a - *Know that the Lord, He is God!*
- B. 100.3b - When we worship, we remind ourselves as to who God is and who we are.

## VI. PSALM 100.4-5 - OPEN THE DOOR TO GOD:

- A. 100.4a - *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.*
- B. Praise is not worship. *It sets the stage for worship.*
  1. Psalm 22.3 - God is *enthroned with our praises*. Praise creates the atmosphere for our encounter with the King.
  2. We come before Him with thanksgiving and praise on our lips and in our hearts.
- C. 100.4b - repetition. We don't need to miss the importance.
- D. 100.4c - *Bless His name.* Think "kneel." Why? He is the object of our worship.
- E. 100.5 - Who is God? The Psalmist tells us:
  1. 100.5a - *The Lord is good.* He is gracious and kind.
  2. 100.5b - *His steadfast love endures forever.* It's a covenant love.
  3. 100.5c - *And His faithfulness to all generations.* NCV: *His loyalty goes on and on.*

## VII. CONCLUSION:

- A. Worship is encountering the person of God as revealed by His name.
- B. What a privilege that we have an audience with the King. *Don't take it for granted!*