

## Thanksgiving Message

**Spontaneous Thanksgiving**

**Psalm 100** <sup>1</sup>Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup>Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (NIV 84)

**Intro:** This Psalm is a **Thanks Offering** Psalm. These are defined in **Psalm 50:23** “Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation.” (NIV 84) The description of this type of offering is described in **Leviticus 7:11-17** and was in the category of **Peace Offerings**. The main emphasis of **Thank Offerings** was that it was to be spontaneous. (See Smith’s Bible Dictionary’s definition Thank Offering or Peace Offering.)

- I. The Psalm begins with a **hero’s** welcome. V. 1
  - A. The **Hero** is the uncreated One. V. 1 **YHWH**
  - B. The audience is the whole **earth**. V. 1
- II. This type of offering had **actions** associated with it.
  - A. The offering was a joyful **work**. V. 2
  - B. The offering was accompanied by joyful **songs**. V. 2
  - C. The offering was offered with an accurate view of who **God** is. V. 3, 5
  - D. The offering was made in the holy **temple** in Jerusalem. V. 4
  - E. The offering was made with **thanksgiving** and **praise**. V. 4
- III. Here are a few thoughts on the application of this to our lives.
  - A. Our **communion** service can have this kind of joy.
  - B. Offering up our **body** as a living sacrifice is how we sacrifice now.
 

**Romans 12:1-2** “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” (NIV 2011)
  - C. Our **worship** can be spontaneous, emotional, and personal. Our worship can also be organized, reverent, and rehearsed. **James 5:13** “Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.” (NIV 84)