

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 100
A Psalm for Giving Thanks

Psalm 100. A short instruction manual on how to worship the Lord
The PRACTICE of Worship
The PATH of Worship

I. The PRACTICE of Worship. 100:1-3

4 instructions

A. SHOUT.

1. Heb *RUA*
2. KJV "Make a joyful noise"
3. "War cry"
 - a. **(Joshua 6:10)** *"But Joshua had commanded the people, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!""*
 - b. **(Joshua 6:16)** *"The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!"*
4. "Use an instrument to worship"
 - a. **(Numbers 10:7)** *"To gather the assembly, blow the trumpets, but not with the same **signal**."*
 - b. **(Joshua 6:5)** *"When you hear them **sound a long blast** on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in."*
 - c. **(1 Samuel 4:5)** *"When the ark of the Lord's covenant came into the camp, all Israel raised such a great shout that the ground shook."*
5. Thankful worship is:
 - a. VIBRANT
 - b. TRIUMPHANT
 - c. JOYFUL!

B. WORSHIP.

1. KJV, NAS = "Serve the Lord"
2. **(Deuteronomy 13:7)** *"gods of the peoples around you, whether near or far, from one end of the land to the other),"*
3. **(Joshua 24:14)** *"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers **worshiped** beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord."*
4. IDEA = obedient service

5. WORSHIP

C. COME.

D. KNOW.

1. **HOW TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE (John 17:3)** *"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."*
2. **WORLD DOES NOT KNOW HIM (John 17:25)** *"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me." (John 8:19)* *"Then they asked him, 'Where is your father?' 'You do not know me or my Father,' Jesus replied. 'If you knew me, you would know my Father also.'" (John 8:55)* *"Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word."*
3. **(Psalm 9:10)** *"Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."*
4. **(Jeremiah 9:23-24)** *"This is what the Lord says: 'Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that **he understands and knows me**, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,' declares the Lord."*
5. **Quoted in HEB 8:11-12 (Jeremiah 31:33-34)** *"'This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,' declares the Lord. 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' **because they will all know me**, from the least of them to the greatest,' declares the Lord. 'For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.'" "*
6. **(2 Corinthians 4:6)** *"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the **light of the knowledge of the glory of God** in the face of Christ."*
7. **Punishment for those who DO NOT KNOW (2 Thessalonians 1:8)** *"He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus."*
8. **(1 John 2:3-6)** *"We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did."*
9. **(1 John 5:11-13)** *"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so **that you may know** that you have*

eternal life."

10. How can we know God?
11. Through His WORD
12. **(Psalm 119:9)** *"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word."*
13. **(Psalm 119:60)** *"I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands."*
14. **(Proverbs 1:7)** *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline."*

15. **Job 28:12-23**

E. FOUR Commands. . .

A PARALLEL with OT and NT summary of a worshiper

(Deuteronomy 6:5) *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."*

(Luke 10:27) *"He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

1. SHOUT - your HEART
2. WORSHIP - your SOUL
3. COME - your STRENGTH
4. KNOW - your MIND

II. The PATH of Worship

(Psalm 95:1-2) *"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."*

Hebrew Tabernacle:

OUTER COURT: Laver (washing) - Altar (sacrifice)

HOLY PLACE: Showbread (fellowship) - Lampstand (illumination) - Altar of incense (Prayer)

HOLY of HOLIES: God's Presence

McMinn, *"So in Psalms 95 and 100, the Psalmist teaches us that we should enter the tabernacle (our initial approach to God) with an attitude of thanksgiving, and our progression into the second room should be accompanied by praise. The final transition will lead us to worship. Therefore, thanksgiving is a prelude to praise, and praise is a prelude to worship. Thanksgiving and praise are what we do to enter into His presence, (or become tuned), and worship is what we do when we get there. It is not a magical formula, but it does provide a pathway by which we can systematically move from the physical to the spiritual world"*

(*"The Practice of Praise"*, 25)

A. THANKSGIVING

1. Come to the Lord with THANKSGIVING
2. The LORD's PRAYER (Disciples prayer)
 - a. Matthew 6:9-13
 - b. 1 Chron 29:10-13 *David's Great Doxology*

B. PRAISE