

SERMON NOTES

THE BASIS OF OUR THANKSGIVING

I. The basis of our Thanksgiving

1. Psalm 100

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing.

³Know that the LORD, He *is* God;

It is He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves;

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

⁵For the LORD *is* good;

His mercy *is* everlasting,

And His truth *endures* to all generations.

2. A real danger of determining our thanksgiving is on the basis of how much we have.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED

II. Five Thanksgiving Commands

1. The first command is in Vs.1 – Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
2. Command #2 “Serve the Lord with gladness”
3. Command #3 is “Come before Him with joyful songs.” Vs. 2 – Come before His presence with singing.
4. Command #4 is Vs. 3 – Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
5. Command #5 is Vss. 4-5 – Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 103:10 - He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Psalm 100. What stands out to you as you read it?
2. Why do you think that God commands us to be thankful?
3. What is the basis of our thanksgiving?
4. How would you encourage someone who is struggling to be thankful because of difficulties in their life?
5. How many things can you list to be thankful for?
6. Read Psalm 103:10. How is God’s grace and mercy sufficient enough to produce praise and thanksgiving in our hearts and minds?