

PRAYING PSALM 100

“Make a joyful shout to the Lord...” (Psalm 100:1).

There are two calls in this psalm: 1. A CALL TO PRAISE THE LORD (1-3). Shout to the Lord. Serve the Lord. Come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. 2. A CALL TO THANK THE LORD (4-5). Why? He is good, and His mercy is everlasting.

This is an invitation for you to come into the presence of God. In the Old Testament under the Law, no one except the High Priest could enter the presence of God in the Holy of Holies. He could only enter once a year. Before entering, the High Priest had to make a sacrifice for himself and for the people. He would then enter the presence of God and pour the blood on the mercy seat inside the Holy of Holies. As a believer you can enter the presence of God anytime, because Jesus is your mercy seat. He is the place where the holy God meets sinners. You can answer both calls, to praise and thank the Lord. When you enter God’s presence in prayer, you enter the Holy of Holies to praise and thank Him for His atoning sacrifice. When you enter the presence of God to pray, remember His goodness and His mercy. Nothing can bring more peace than the knowledge that God is perfect, yet always willing to extend another chance.