

## BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM

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Psalms 100:1-5 A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

I'm sure that all of us have made our share of noise but the kind of noise that is pleasing unto God is "joyful noise."

Then we are told how to serve the Lord. Not with sadness, not with madness, but with gladness!

"Come before His presence with singing." "But Pastor, I can't sing very well." You can make a joyful noise. You can still sing even if you have a hard time staying in the right key. God loves to hear us sing.

"Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves." There are no self made men or women. We all owe everything that we are to the One who made us.

Then we are told how to come to church. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise."

When we walk through these doors we should come with thanksgiving in our hearts and praise on our lips.

"Be thankful unto him and bless his name." Are you a thankful person? Do you have a hard time giving thanks either to God or man? We were not born with a thankful heart, it has to be cultivated.

Every one of us has so much to be thankful for. Regardless of what might be going on in your life right now, you have a lot to be thankful for. Focus on the good and not on the bad.

Be thankful! For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.