

Make A Joyful Noise

Psalm 100

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We do not know who wrote this Psalm.

We do know that the writer was trying to express his/her thanks and joy for the great blessings!

So it seems appropriate that during this month with Thanksgiving, we take a look at how the author expressed himself / herself.

Side note: I am not good at creative writing ... poems, short stories, etc. If you are, I would love to have you write down and express your faith in words – I'd love to have them read at church. Or if you express your faith drawing – draw, and let's share it at church! That's what the writer of this Psalm is doing.

I SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD

There are some things we do that make us happy

- Eat chocolate
- Go on vacation
- Drive a car really fast and feel the wind in our hair / ride a bike really fast and feel the wind on your head

Things make us happy

Psalm 100:1 is not talking about just happiness

It's talking about an incredible exultation!

It's like waking up on Christmas morning – knowing it's going to be a great and awesome day ... no school, no work, time with family, big feast, presents!

Think about going to a Vikings Game

- What is the atmosphere like?

Going to a Vikings game is quite exciting!

The place is electric!

The place is loud ... cheersit's not just happiness

IT'S INCREDIBLE EXCITEMENT!

That's what we are supposed to be like when praising God, when worshipping God!

Sunday morning

- Let's get ready to rumble!
- Cheerleaders – Go God! Go God! That G – O – D!

What else can we do to be excited about God on Sunday mornings?

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

We see this sentiment in Luke 19:37-40

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

In other words, worshipping God & praising God should be an exciting experience!

If we don't do it, if we aren't excited about it, if we keep quiet ... maybe these rocks will cry out!

Been wondering why we've been having such strange weather this year?

People haven't been terribly excited about God – so even the clouds cried out!!!

II WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

There are some things we do because we think of them more like chores

- School
- Brushing my teeth
- Taking care of my yard, lawn and garden

I don't do these things because I am excited about doing them.

I do these things because I *have* to.

God doesn't want us to worship or praise him or come to church because we feel *obligated*, rather God wants us to have gladness in our hearts, minds and attitudes!

Mark 12:41-44

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

She didn't give out of obligation

- As a widow, she had no one to take care of her
- Her taxes wouldn't have been missed; she wasn't a bread-winner
- More than most, she had reasons, almost necessity to hang onto those 2 small coins.

She gave because she *really wanted to*.

We are to worship the Lord with gladness.

Sometimes it seems like we want to be happy & glad in worship ... but we look around, see others acting ... more reserved ... and we hold back.

We are to worship the Lord with gladness.

Sometimes we hold back, thinking that it's not the right time or place
Where in the service are we to have gladness hmmm Don't see it listed
in the bulletin

ALWAYS!

Worshipping God is not like doing the Macarena ... doing *THIS* move at *THIS*
time.

In worship class at seminary, all the parts of worship were around the room.

- Pick one from this category
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And that's how you put together a worship service!

Think of this way – have you ever been to a church that has the sermon at the
beginning?

- NO!
- You need the music *FIRST* to put people in the mood!

God wants us to worship with gladness in our hearts.

One of the core values for the church is attitude from Philippians 2:5

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as
Christ Jesus:

Or in another translation

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

It is a choice and when we worship, God wants us to worship with gladness in our hearts!

We are to worship the Lord with gladness.

We are to worship God because we *WANT* to worship God.

III IT CENTERS ON GOD

Verse 3

³ 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.

Unfortunately it is very easy for us to see ourselves as the center of our universe.

Verse 3 reminds us that our universe should revolve around God

- The Lord is God
- God made us
- We are His
- We are His people

Illustration about Vince Lombardi's office

- Big mahogany desk
- Org chart with small block on top – VINCE LOMBARDI
- Connected to large blob on the bottom – EVERYONE ELSE

Our world, our universe is supposed to center around God.

In fact, I heard the word JOY used as an acronym – and it seems appropriate for this church whose mission statement is Luke 10:27 – God #1, other people #2

J Jesus
O Others
Y Yourself

Psalm 100:3 reminds us that our excitement and fervor in worship should be based completely around God.

I read a quote from D. L. Moody when I was working on this piece:

“God sends no one away empty except those who come full of themselves”

CONCLUSION

Psalm 100 is a Psalm of Thanksgiving, We are to

- Enter his gates with thanksgiving in our hearts
- Enter his courts with praise
- For the Lord is God
- God's love endures forever!

If we look for joy and excitement anywhere else in the world, we will be disappointed.

If we have any other reason for coming to worship, we will be disappointed.

David, in Psalm 103 said

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
²Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits

For David, worship was full of life, energy & excitement.

David was accustomed to dancing when he worshipped God.

One of his wives did not approve – God chastised the wife!

Men have pursued joy in every avenue imaginable. Some have successfully found it while others have not. Perhaps it would be easier to describe where joy cannot be found:

- Not in Unbelief -- Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."
- Not in Pleasure -- Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker, and grief are mine alone."
- Not in Money -- Jay Gould, the American millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying, he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."
- Not in Position and Fame -- Lord Beaconsfield enjoyed more than his share of both. He wrote: "Youth is a mistake; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."
- Not in Military Glory -- Alexander the Great conquered the known world in his day. Having done so, he wept in his tent, before he said, "There are no more worlds to conquer."

Where then is real joy found? -- the answer is simple, in Christ alone.

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Do you want to be thankful for God and all God has done?

Part of how we show that is how we worship!