

Part 1 – Serve the Lord with Gladness

Now, we've come to the *sixth* chapter in the part of the 'Numbers Book' of the Psalms (chapters 95-100), which are related to ***Rest for the Earth Anticipated***. And, let's remember that **Psalm 95**, had the subject/title of "***Worship in View of the Rest, Anticipated***" *because* it specifically spoke of *true* worship of the Lord (Yehovah). We therefore learned that, while our Heavenly Father does enjoy our praise, songs and thankfulness to Him, all outward worship truly means *nothing* if it's *not* accompanied by ***true inward*** worship. And the essence of *truly* worshipping our Heavenly Father (YHWH) is *not* hardening our heart to His 'Voice'. Thus, *true* worship is also softening (opening) our heart *to the truth*, which means to *hear and obey* the Word of God (and the Holy Spirit), *from the heart*. And then, **Psalm 96** had the subject/title of a "***Summons to Sing the New Song***". So, it was a *call* to sing a 'new song' *in anticipation for* the coming 'rest for the earth' (when Jesus Christ returns to rule the earth in righteousness), to which even the creation looks forward to (Rom 8:18-23). And then **Psalm 97** was the '*answer*' to 'the call' to sing the 'New Song', because it was the *actual* 'New Song'. So, it spoke a bit more about the *how* the 'Lord reigneth' when Jesus Christ returns. And then we came to **Psalm 98**, which was actually another "***Summons to Sing the New Song***". So, it was similar to Psalm 96, and even included some very comparable verses within it (verse 1, 8-9). However, instead of *anticipating* the coming 'rest for the earth' (as Ps 96 spoke of), Psalm 98 looked forward to what the Lord (YHWH) will do, *for Israel* when He returns to redeem all His faithful followers (of every race, gender and nation) from the wicked ones on earth.

And then we came to **Psalm 99**, which was actually *another* '**New Song**' which also spoke of how the Lord (YHWH) will reign (via Jesus Christ) when He finally returns. And, the Psalmist did so by describing some of God's holy character traits that make Him able to reign (forever) while calling all people to praise and worship Him for that (His holiness). It also gave us examples of some of the Lord's *past* faithful servants (Moses, Aaron and Samuel) to teach us what those, who serve in His eternal government (Body of Christ), will be like (i.e. faithfully serve Him). But, the Psalm also reminded us how the Lord (YHWH) is faithful to forgive those who sincerely repent but just as faithful to punish those who do not. And that too is an example of what it'll be like when Jesus Christ returns. And the Psalm also ended by reminding us of God's holiness, which is the vital reason that Jesus Christ will rule forevermore. His kingdom will endure forever *because* Jesus Christ is holy, and will have a holy government when He returns. Thus, the historical examples God gave us, in Psalm 99, teaches us how the Lord (YHWH) will reclaim the earth as His Kingdom (when Jesus Christ returns) and use Israel (which now *includes* the gentiles who accept Jesus Christ, Gal 3:26-29) to rule over the earth *forever*. And that certainly gives us a reason to sing 'a new song'!

And now we come to **Psalm 100**, which (like Psalm 95) has the subject/title of "***Worship, In View of Rest Anticipated***". Therefore, this Psalm will speak of *the worship* that will be done

when *the* ‘Rest’ finally comes. So, it too is speaking (prophesying of) the return of Jesus Christ and the ‘rest’ that the world will have *because of* His return. For truly, the earth cannot have true ‘rest’ (peace) until our Lord and Savior (Jesus Christ) returns to the earth. And that’s because Jesus’ return is the *only* time all evil will be deposed, and punished, while a righteous worldwide government (that Jesus heads) will *finally* be installed to govern the world *forever*.

Psalms 100

1 A Psalm of praise.

Now, this Psalm actually has a subtitle, albeit a short one. The word ‘**Psalm**’ is one we’ve seen quite a bit in other subtitles of the Psalms. It’s the Hebrew word *mizmowr* (#4210), which means **instrumental music**; by implication, **a poem set to notes**. So, you could think of the Psalm as a form of meditating (like a poem). And then the word ‘**praise**’ here is the Hebrew word *towdah* (#8426) and means **an extension of the hand**, i.e. (by implication) **avowal**, or (usually) **adoration**; and (specifically) it can also mean **a choir of worshippers** (#8426). The *Companion Bible* has a note that says this is a ‘Psalm of thanksgiving’ and the *Moffett Bible* renders this as “A Song for the thank-offering service”. Indeed, this word ‘praise’ (#8426) has been rendered elsewhere as *thanks* (Neh 12:30,40) and *thanksgiving* (Lev 7:12-15; Ps 50:14; Isa 51:3; Jer 30:19, etc.). Therefore, it’s a Psalm that *looks forward to* the thanksgiving (worship) that will be given to our Heavenly Father when the *true* ‘rest’ (Jesus Christ) returns to the earth to punish all wickedness *and* reward the righteous.

Psalms 100

1 ... Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

So, the Psalmist begins by calling all the ‘lands’ to make a joyful noise to the Lord. The word ‘**Lord**’ here is God’s sacred (and covenantal) name **Yehovah** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>] which means (the) **self-Existent** or **Eternal** (#3068). So, His name *reveals* that our Heavenly Father (Yehovah) is the *only* one who has *always* existed and *always* will, which is why He is *eternal* (Rev 1:8, 4:9, 11:17, 16:5, 22:13). And the words ‘**joyful noise**’ are *one* Hebrew word that means **to mar** (especially by breaking) and, figuratively, **to split the ears** (with sound), i.e. **shout** (for alarm or joy) (#7321). And the word ‘**lands**’ is interesting because it’s normally translated as the ‘earth’ or the ‘world’ because it means **the earth**, *at large*. However, because it can *also* mean **a partitively a land** (i.e. *a certain part of* the earth/land) the translators decided to render it as ‘lands’ here (#776). The *Companion Bible*’s note even suggests it’s referring to ‘Israel in the land’ albeit the *Moffett Bible* renders it as ‘the earth’. But, regardless, the point is that the Psalmist is calling the people to shout loudly, for joy, and we’ll soon see why...

Psalms 100

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Again, the Psalmist is calling the people in ‘the lands’ to do something. But this time it’s to serve the ‘**Lord**’ (*Yehovah*, #3068, i.e. YHVH) with gladness. The word ‘**gladness**’ means *blithesomeness* or *glee*, (religious or festival) (#8057) and the word ‘**serve**’ means *to work* (in any sense); and, by implication, it means *to serve, till*, or even (causatively) *enslave*, etc. (#5647). Now, just what does it mean to ‘serve’ the Lord (YHVH)? Well, we’re given a clue in Deut 10:12-13 when Moses said: *And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, **and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep [#8104] the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day **for thy good**?*** So, here we see that walking in the ways of the Lord (His Laws) is likened to serving Him. But, to truly do so, we must do so with all our heart (inner man) and soul (outer man), i.e. from the ‘inside out’. Moses also rightly points out that God gave us His Laws *for our good*. So, God’s Laws will bless us if we obey them, *from the heart*. But, perhaps one of the *best* places to understand what it means to ‘serve’ the Lord is found in the great book of Romans, chapter 6. And while the *whole* chapter is very enlightening to study [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Romans/37], we’ll only look at a portion of it to help us understand what truly ‘serving’ the Lord (YHVH) is all about...

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*12 **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.***

*13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but **yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.***

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

*16 Know ye not, that **to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?***

*17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but **ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.***

*18 **Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.***

*19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so **now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.***

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now *being made free from sin, and **become servants to God**, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and **the end everlasting life**.*

23 For the wages of sin **is death**; but the **gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**.

Rom 6:9-23

So, Paul clearly explains that there's truly only *two choices in life* (Deut 30:15-20). We can either serve sin (which ultimately means serving *Satan*) or we'll serve righteousness, which means serving the Lord (YHVH), who came to earth as Jesus Christ (John 1:1,14; Col 1:15) to *free us from Satan's deception, which is bondage to sin* (Heb 2:14). And thus, there's only two outcomes to our choice, i.e. life or death. Serving the Lord (YHVH/Jesus Christ) will yield the 'fruit' of *eternal life* (which we all want) but serving sin (*Satan*) will yield the 'fruit' of *spiritual death*. While we will all die from our flesh body (Heb 9:27), we don't *have* to die *spiritually*. And that's *why* it's so important to learn to serve the Lord (YHVH) *right now*, so we *can* live eternally. For there will be no rebels (unrighteous ones) in the Kingdom of God *or* eternity (1 Cor 6:9; Gal 5:21). Our Heavenly Father has promised us *there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain* in the eternity (Rev 21:4); and that means that all rebels (wicked ones who willingly serve sin) will be totally blotted out of existence (body, soul and spirit), *never to exist* (in any form) *anymore* (Rev 20:10-15; Ps 37:20).

And, if we don't want *that* to be our fate, then we *must* choose to serve righteousness (Jesus Christ) *instead of* letting our carnal mind (our heart, the part of us that wants to sin) control us. That's why Paul taught us to put off our 'old man' *which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts* (Eph 2:22), and *not to serve sin any longer* (Rom 6:6). And, we do this by *renewing the spirit of our mind* (Eph 4:23) *through studying God's Word* (Col 3:10). And when we do so sincerely, faithfully, and consistently (daily), then the Holy Spirit *will help us* put on the 'new man', which *is created in righteousness and true holiness* (Eph 4:24). And that's why, *though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day* (2 Cor 4:16) by knowledge of Jesus Christ (Col 3:10). So, even though our flesh body will die (Heb 9:27) our soul and spirit *can* have *eternal life* if we faithfully serve righteousness (Jesus Christ) instead of sin (*Satan*). And truly, it **is** a joy to serve the Lord, YHVH (i.e. Jesus Christ). Not only because of the blessings (physical and spiritual) He gives us (now) for obeying Him, but also because obeying God (from the heart) is the *only* way we'll ever have true peace of mind in life (John 14:27; Rom 15:13; 1 Cor 14:33; Phil 4:7, etc.). And that is not something that can be bought, or gotten any other way, than *serving righteousness*, i.e. serving God through sincerely repenting for your sins (when you see them) and striving (from the heart) to obey God's Word (and Holy Spirit). As Isaiah so beautifully expresses it: *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee* (Isa 26:3).

And then the Psalmist also calls the people in ‘the lands’ to *come before his presence with singing*. The words ‘**come before his presence**’ here means **before** (when used as a preposition) or **the face** (as the part that turns), which is why it’s often rendered as ‘before’ or ‘presence’ (#6440), as we’ve seen recently in the Psalms (95:2,6, 97:5, 98:6,9). And the word ‘singing’ actually means **to shout for joy** (#7445). But, why will we come before the Lord with gladness (glee) and ‘singing’ (shouting for joy)? We must remember that this Psalm (100) is explaining the ‘*worship, in view of rest anticipated*’. So, the gladness we’ll have, and singing we’ll do, (i.e. worshipping Him) is speaking of when Jesus Christ returns. And when Jesus Christ returns, He comes *to save His faithful servants...* but, from what? From the wicked ones who have been governing the world *and* persecuting those who remain faithful to Jesus Christ. And, while Christians are (and have been) persecuted even now, this will be *much* worse when the antichrist (who is Satan himself, <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345>) comes. As Jesus warned, in Matt 24:21, *then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be*.

But *why* will the persecutions be *so much worse* shortly before Jesus Christ returns? As the study on **The Footstool Factor** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/989>] explains, God has promised that Jesus Christ *won’t* return *until* His enemies are made His footstool (Ps 110:1; Heb 10:12-13; 2 Thess 2; Rev 12). And that means that Jesus Christ *won’t* return until Satan, and his fallen angels (who are God’s arch enemies), are kicked out of heaven, *to the earth*, which is God’s footstool (Isa 66:1). And they will govern the world (for a short time, thankfully, Mth 24:22, Rev 9:5,10) with a governing system that is *so cruel and so wicked* that God calls it ‘the beast’ in Rev 13. And, Dan 7:7 describes it as *dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth*. However, the reason it’s so horrible (wicked) is not because Satan and his fallen angels use *force* to take over the world. Quite the contrary, they will use *deception*, as Paul explains so well in 2 Thess 2 and 2 Cor 11:13-15 (and elsewhere). You can learn more about *why* this tribulation will be *so severe*, and thus, what Jesus Christ *will save us from*, in the following studies...

The Apostasy – Part 1 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/499>

The Apostasy – Part 2 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/500>

The Apostasy – Part 3 <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/501>

So, those who will *remain* faithful servants to Jesus Christ (i.e. who don’t worship Satan nor participate in his wicked governing system, ‘the beast’) will be *incredibly glad* (blithesome and gleeful) when Jesus Christ returns – insomuch they’ll shout for joy – *because* Jesus Christ returns to *destroy* Satan’s wicked ‘beast’ governing system, *depose* the wicked ones and put them in prison for the entire Millennium (Isa 24:22; Rev 20:1-3; Mth 13:39-42, etc.). Remember, true rest *is peace* - and that is not just peace in the aspect of *physical rest* from physical conflicts (such as afflictions from the wicked ones) - but also peace of mind, which truly, is rest from *internal* conflict, i.e. conflict in your heart (desires, emotions, intentions, motivations) and mind

(thoughts). As Rom 14:17-18 says, *for the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God.* That's why those who remain faithful to the true Christ Jesus will also be given eternal life *and* allowed to reign in Jesus's government, when He returns. And (to reiterate) that's why those who remain faithful to the true Jesus will also be so *very happy* (blithesome and gleeful) that they'll be shouting for joy when the true Jesus Christ returns.

Therefore, this Psalm truly looks forward to the great joy and gladness (which will make us shout for joy) that we'll feel when the *true* Jesus Christ returns to save us from the wicked ones (i.e. Satan, his fallen angels and all the other wicked people on earth). That's why Jesus told us that, *when these things begin to come to pass* (i.e. those things spoken of in the prophets and in Mth 24, Mk 13, Lk 21, the book of Revelations, etc.), *then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh* (Luke 21:28). But, it's also important to understand that Jesus Christ is not returning to take us out of the world [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/457>]. Rather, Jesus Christ is returning to the earth *to take over*. And that (to reiterate) means He's going to punish, depose and imprison the wicked ones on the earth (including Satan and his fallen angels). And that (to reiterate) is what saves His faithful servants! And (again, to reiterate) that's why we'll be singing and praising Him with such great joy we'll shout, and sing out loud, to Him.

So, let's keep the subject and object of this great Psalm (i.e. the worship in view of the coming rest, when Jesus Christ returns) in mind as we continue to study this great Psalm 100. For it will not only continue to speak of the great praise and blessings that come with Jesus Christ's return but it'll also remind us just *why* He is so very deserving of our sincere love, adoration, praise, worship and faithful obedience...

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1 Peter 3:12-17

We'll pick this up in part 2... AMEN.