

Psalm Chapter 100 - Review

In chapter one-hundred, part 1, we learned that the subject/title of this Psalm is “**Worship, In View of Rest Anticipated**”. Therefore, in the first couple verses of this great Psalm, we learned of the *great* joy, and gladness, that those who *remain true* worshipers of the Lord (YHWH) will have when Jesus Christ returns. And, their joy will be *so intense*, they’ll literally shout for joy. But, we also learned *why* they’ll be so happy they’ll shout for joy (out loud). And that’s because, when the *true* Jesus Christ returns, He saves His faithful servants from the persecutions of the antichrist (Satan), his fallen angels and *all other* wicked people on earth. As Jesus warned us, the ‘great tribulation’ will be harder than *any other time in history* of this flesh earth age (Mth 24:21). And that’s because, the deception (lies) will be *so terribly thick* that nearly the whole world will fallow Satan, *and worship him*, as though he was really God, our ‘Savior’. So, when God’s *faithful* servants are saved from the wicked ones (and their massive deception campaign), we will be so blithe and gleesome (glad) that we’ll literally be shouting for joy, and worship Him with joyful songs (as we learned about in previous Psalms 96-99). And, of a truth, *it is* a joy to serve Jesus Christ (righteousness) rather than Satan (unrighteousness). *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord* (Rom 6:23).

In part 2 we learned that, when Jesus Christ returns, everyone will *know* – from seeing Him return with our own eyes (i.e. ascertain by seeing) – that truly, Jesus Christ IS the King of king and Lord of lords. Thus, Jesus’ return will also prove – to *all* people – that there *really is* a Supreme God (who is our Creator) and that He *really is* all seeing (knowing) and all powerful. And *that’s because*, Jesus will return with power and *great* glory (Matt 24:30; Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27) with *ten thousands* of His faithful servants (Jude 14) in *majestic* flying vehicles *far superior* to that which even Satan, and his fallen angels, have. And, while God’s faithful servants will be gathered by His angels (Mth 24:31; Mk 13:27) - which is what saves us from the wicked ones (Lk 21:28) - He’s also coming to *execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him* (Jude 15). In essence, the judgments that will come upon the wicked ones (when Jesus Christ returns to pour out God’s ‘cup of wrath’) IS what proves that He is God above all gods and thus, is why *all* people will *know* that He *truly is* our Creator – i.e. He made us, and not we ourselves. And we also saw the Psalmist use an analogy that is commonly used in the Bible, especially the Psalms, i.e. that of *a shepherd leading his sheep*. And he does so because, like a good Shepherd, Jesus doesn’t ‘drive’ us (i.e. He does not govern as a tyrant) but leads us to ‘good pastures’ and guides us throughout our life, *if only* we learn to follow Him. And this analogy also teaches us how much effort our Heavenly Father has put into governing us *for our benefit* (Deut 10:13) because it truly does take a lot of love and devotion for the sheep to be successful at raising them. He loves to see us be safe, happy, healthy and to *grow* spiritually closer to Him. That is, after all, what gives us *eternal* life (John 17:3; Ps 16:11).

In part 3 we saw the Psalmist explain the *true* worship that will happen when Jesus Christ returns, which truly teaches us what *true* worship *really is* (which is the subject of this great Psalm). And, a vital part of *true* worship is remembering to thank our Heavenly Father and to praise His holy name (character). For thanking Him isn't just pleasing to Him, it's also what keeps our heart and mind *focused on Him* (His Word) so we *remember* His promises to always help us through the hard times (and temptations) in life. And praising Him isn't just singing songs to Him. Truly, we praise Him when we share God's Word with others, no matter how small the 'seed of truth' may be. And even our righteous actions praise our Heavenly Father, as Jesus taught us in Mth 5:16. And we also learned that 'blessing' our Heavenly Father simply means to praise Him, which (again) means more than just singing 'praise and worship' songs to Him. It's living our life *for God's will* instead of our own *carnal lusts* (1 Peter 4:2). And then the Psalmist ended this beautiful 'thanksgiving Psalm' by declaring that the Lord (YHWH) is good and then explaining *why* He is good, i.e. because His mercy and truth endures forever. That means, He's truly very merciful (forgiving and kind) to those who humbly come to Him in sincere repentance and sincerely work to change their sinful heart, mind and actions. That is, after all, the purpose of this fleshly earth age. For, not only did Jesus Christ die a terribly painful death to atone for the sins of all people but, we all *have the chance* to repent, and thus *obtain* eternal life, through faith in (and obedience to) Jesus Christ. And *that is why* those who make the first resurrection (Rev 20:4-6) *will* be singing 'a new song' (Ps 96-99) *and worshiping Him* (Ps 95, 100) humbly, and sincerely, when the *true* Jesus Christ returns, to rule the earth (with His righteous government) *forever and ever...*

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

*3 For **this is the love of God**, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.*

*4 For **whatsoever is born of God** **overcometh the world**: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith**.*

*5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but **he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?***

1 John 5:1-5

AMEN.