

Introduction

- Lesson text: [Psalm 100](#)
- 1. We have entered into the season of thanksgiving.
 - a. This is a strong Biblical principle.
 - b. Hundreds of Bible passages deal with thanksgiving in some form or fashion.
 - c. The book of Psalms is overflowing with thanksgiving.
- 2. There are three commandments found in [Psalm 100:4](#) and they are all centered around thanksgiving to God.

I. Enter

1. God said to “Enter into” ([Ps. 100:4](#)).
 - a. This is a verb or **action** word.
 - b. This means we must **do** something.
 - c. Christianity is an **action** religion ([Mt. 7:21-23](#)).
2. Observe whose gates and courts they are we are to enter into.
 - a. “His gates” and “His courts” ([Ps. 100:4](#)).
 - b. All that we are and have is because of the grace of God ([1 Cor. 15:10](#)).
 - c. He owns everything ([Ps. 24:1](#), [50:10-12](#)).

II. Be Thankful

1. Few things are worse than an ungrateful person.
 - a. Being ungrateful displays a lack of respect for others ([Gal. 5:13-15](#); cf. [Php. 2:3](#)).
 - b. Being ungrateful shows a prideful attitude ([Php. 2:3](#); [Pr. 16:18](#); cf. [Rm. 12:10](#), [16](#)).
 - c. Being ungrateful exhibits a dangerous ignorance or misunderstanding of reality ([Ac. 14:15-17](#), [17:24-28](#)).
 - d. Being ungrateful only leads to sin ([Rm. 1:20ff](#)).
2. In everything we are to give thanks ([1 Th. 5:18](#); [Eph. 5:20](#)).
 - a. Our lifestyle should be full of thanksgiving ([Eph. 5:1-4](#)).
 - b. We should abound in thanksgiving to God ([Col. 2:7](#)).
3. How do we express our thanksgiving to God?
 - a. By our worship.

- b. By our personal devotions ([Rm. 1:8](#); cf. [1 Cor. 1:4](#)).
- 4. For what should we be thankful?
 - a. Our physical needs being provided ([1 Tim. 4:3-5](#)).
 - b. Our spiritual needs being provided ([Ps. 119:62](#); [Eph. 1:3](#)).
 - c. Everything at all times ([Eph. 5:20](#)).
- 5. Why should we be thankful?
 - a. God made us ([Ps. 100:3](#); cf. [Gen. 1:26-31](#)).
 - b. We are His sheep ([Ps. 100:3](#); cf. [Jn. 10](#)).
 - c. God is good and His mercy endures forever ([Ps. 100:5](#); cf. [Ps. 106:1](#), [107:1](#), [118:1](#), [29](#), [136:1](#)).
 - d. God's holiness is reason to be thankful to Him ([Ps. 30:4](#), [97:12](#)).
 - e. It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD ([Ps. 92:1](#)).

III. Bless

- 1. Associated with thanksgiving is praise (blessing) to God ([Ps. 100:4](#)).
 - a. God is worthy to be praised ([Ps. 18:3](#)).
 - b. God is greatly to be praised ([Ps. 48:1](#), [96:4](#)).
- 2. We should praise God's name at all times ([Ps. 113:3](#)).
 - a. Remember, "the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations" ([Ps. 100:5](#)).
 - b. He created us ([Ps. 100:3](#))!
 - c. He created everyone and everything ([Ps. 148:1-6](#))!
 - d. His name alone is excellent ([Ps. 148:7-13](#)).
 - e. Praise ye the LORD ([Ps. 148:14](#)).
- 3. All spiritual blessings are found in Christ and this is cause for blessing God ([Eph. 1:3](#)).
 - a. We have redemption through His Son ([Eph. 1:4-7](#)).
 - b. This redemption brings about praise and glory to God ([Eph. 1:12-14](#)).

Conclusion

- 1. Every season is a season of thanksgiving as God's children.