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Scripture: Psalm 100:1-2, 4

TITLE: Worship without Reservation

Sunday mornings at church are interesting. Some people come early. Other people come late. Some people skip the service and just serve all morning. In the worship service, some sing. Others stand stoically. Some raise hands. Some dance. Some bring their Bibles. Others listen intently. When I preach a lot of people nap.

But we all have different ways of approaching a worship service. And I think this is because there are many ways to worship God. Let's turn to Psalm 100:1-2, 4 (CSB) to learn more about some of the ways we can worship.

“Let the whole earth shout triumphantly to the LORD! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.... Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.”

The Psalmist declares the whole earth is to shout triumphantly. Memorial Stadium here in Lincoln is one of the loudest stadiums in college football. When the stadium shouts it can be heard around parts of the city.

The sovereign Lord is our protector, provider, and King. He is all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present, fully good, just, merciful, gracious, and so on. Therefore, as our heavenly Father, we can be confident in Him. So we should shout for joy because God is on our side.

Next the Psalmist says are to serve the Lord with gladness. Is this part of your shape, how God has wired you, how he has designed you? Are you a servant? Do you love taking care of others? Service is an act of worship. But only when your motives are right. That's why the writer says “serve with gladness.” No one likes a rude and unengaged helper.

The Psalmist says, come before God with joyful song. I love to sing with my wife. The difference is my wife sings like an angel. Me...not so much. But that doesn't stop me. But while the crowd at church plugs their ears, God has a built-in auto-tune to make it sound like Andrea Bocelli.

Then in verse 4 he says something we may miss its importance. *“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.”* Think about God and who He is. He is the perfect judge who turns away from wickedness. His gates are shut to the unclean according to Revelation 21:27. Yet, we as His children, we are made clean by the blood of Christ. By Jesus paying the price for our sin, we are declared blameless.

This is why we can walk into His courts with confidence. This is why we can enter His presence without fear. He is our Father who sees only us as His masterpiece. This is why we enter shouting our thanksgiving to Him. He is worthy.

There are so many ways to worship our King.

So here is my challenge for you: Worship without reservation. The Psalmist said shout, sing, serve, enter, and praise. Whatever your preferred way of worshipping, do it and do it without reservation.

God is worthy of a celebration. We are truly blessed by the grace of God. Therefore, we should worship Him freely and with loving enthusiasm. And while you're at it, take time in the comments below to share your praise of our King! Let's worship together our Father, our redeemer, and our King.