

Thank
you

Lord, your love
endures forever.
(Psalm 107:1)

Welcome & Prayer



Leandro da Silva

“Thank you” for coming to the Thanksgiving Devotion and Potluck Dinner ;-)

Please take part in creating the “Thanksgiving Poster”:

Write on it “Thank you” in your mother tongue, and one reason for giving thanks to God! Check it later for all the reasons...

Songs



Iina Mattila, Lisette Van Tassel,
Leandro & Martta da Silva & Everyone

“I Will Enter His Gates”

“Shout to the Lord”

“Awesome God”

Songs



“I Will Enter His Gates”

*I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise;
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad!
He has made me glad,
He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad!
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad!*

Songs



“Shout to the Lord”

*My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love*

*My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You*

Songs



*Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You*

Songs



“Awesome God”

*Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from Heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God*

Message

Bastian Fähnrich



Video „Thanksgiving“

<http://www.vimeo.com/7424350>

Message



*The words of this video
have been taken from Psalm 100 and 105.*

*Let's read through these psalms,
and then reflect on the words in more detail.*

Message



Psalm 100

- 1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.**
- 2 Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**
- 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.**
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**
- 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Message



Psalm 105:1-4

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.**
- 2 Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**
- 3 Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**
- 4 Look to the LORD and his strength;
seek his face always.**

Message



Psalm 100 and 105 are thanksgiving psalms.

What are they all about?

Let's look at them verse by verse.

Message



Psalm 100

- 1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.**
- 2 Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

It's all about rejoicing and being joyful, despite all the difficulties and trials of our lives.

James 1:2 reminds us: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds."

It's all about worshiping, submitting to God in awesome adoration and reverence. O yes, we are called to come before Him, our God, with joyful songs, gladness in our hearts. In fact, all the earth shall shout for joy to the LORD.

Message



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.**

*It's all about knowing God. Know that the LORD is God.
Do we truly know Him? Are we His?*

*Do we dwell on His pasture, or do we go astray, away from
His flock? Do we allow Him to be our Shepherd?*

See [Psalm 23](#), [Matthew 2:6](#),

[John 10:11](#), [Hebrews 13:20](#), [Revelation 7:17](#)

Message



**⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

It's all about entering into His presence, and giving thanks to the LORD. [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#) tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances".

And [Colossians 3:17](#) says: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Message



**⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

It's all about trusting in the LORD's goodness and everlasting love. "God alone is good", says Jesus Christ in [Mark 10:18](#), and many Psalms state: "His love and faithfulness endures forever!" ([Psalm 117:2](#), [Psalm 118:1](#)). Yes, the LORD is faithful towards those, who put their trust in Him, in Jesus Christ, [1 Corinthians 1:9](#): "God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful". In [Matthew 28:20](#) Jesus Christ promises to be with believers "always, to the very end of the age."

Message



Psalm 105:1-4

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.**
- 2 Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.**

*It's all about giving thanks to God,
and calling on His name, professing our faith,
singing and praising Him.*

*We shall do so today by many means, thanking Him, calling
on His name, professing our faith, singing and praising Him.*

Message



It's also all about making known His deeds, proclaiming His wonderful acts, so that we and others, all the nations and people, get to know Him ([Matthew 28:16-20](#)).

- 1. We proclaim His creation, the earth and heavens and everyting that lives in it ([Genesis 1](#)).*
- 2. We proclaim the Good News, the re-creation of man through and in Jesus Christ ([Mark 16:15](#), [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)).*
- 3. We proclaim His coming, the reign of Jesus Christ, Lord of lords and King of kings ([Revelation 20](#)), and eventually the creation of a new heaven and earth ([Revelation 21:1](#)).*



Message

3 Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Look to the LORD and his strength;

seek his face always.

It's all about His glory.

There's no real glory to be found apart from the one of God.

[Exodus 15:11](#) reads: "Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"

[Psalm 4:2](#) warns us: "How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?"

Message



It's all about seeking Him, seeking the LORD always, continually, forever.

Are we seeking Him, are we looking for Him? Now and forever? Or for just a little while? Are we seeking Him?

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near", says [Isaiah 55:6](#).

And [Deuteronomy 4:29](#) reads: "If you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul." (see also [2 Chronicles 15:2](#)).

Message



Let's remember also that God is seeking us by means of Jesus Christ: "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." ([Luke 19:10](#)).

It is remarkable that God actually created everything so that we would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him (see next slide, [Acts 17:24-28](#))!

Message



We read in [Acts 17:24-28](#):

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.”

Message



And once we truly seek Him and have found Him (and He us), we may rejoice:

[Psalm 40:16](#) reads: “May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation always say, ‘The LORD be exalted!’”

And once we truly seek Him and have found Him (and He us), we may be blessed:

[Psalm 119:2](#) says: “Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek Him with all their heart.”

N.B.! Remember here also that we receive God’s blessings due to the fact of keeping His commandments.

Message



Seeking God with all our hearts and souls takes also away our worries. If we only turn to Him in everything, he will take care of us, provide for everything that we really need. But we have to put Him and His things first!

Matthew 6:33 reads: “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things [daily provision of food, drink, shelter, clothing etc.] will be given to you as well.”

*Moreover, Matthew 7:7-8 states: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.” **Amen.***

Song



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“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God”

*/: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and His righteousness,
and all the things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia :/*

Song



*/: Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia :/*

*/: Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alleluia :/*

Prayer

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Prayers of thanksgiving



Song



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“Give Thanks”

*/: Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son :/*

*/: And now let the weak say 'I am strong',
Let the poor say 'I am rich',
Because of what the Lord has done for us :/*

Benediction

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“Benediction Song”

*/: May the Lord bless us and keep us,
With His power be ever beside us;
May the Lord look with favour upon us,
And give us His peace :/*

Announcements



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Events in the near future

“Potluck Dinner”

“Cleanup” approx. 21.00