"The Elements Of True Worship"

Psalm 100

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"You were planned for God's pleasure. The moment you were born into the world, God was there as an unseen witness, smiling at your birth. He wanted you <u>alive</u>, and your arrival gave Him great pleasure. God did not need to create you, but He <u>chose</u> to create you for His own <u>enjoyment</u>. You exist for His <u>benefit</u>, His <u>glory</u>, His <u>purpose</u>, and His <u>delight</u>."

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If there is a manual written on true worship, it is Psalm 100.

I) A Heart Of Praise: (vs. 1-2)

- A) A joyful shout comes from a relationship with the <u>God</u> of heaven.
- B) Singing comes from the need to express our joy.

Ps. 16:11 You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

II) An Affirmation Of Faith: (vs. 3)

- A) The Lord is God is a statement of faith that is <u>basic</u> to worship.
- B) We are His people and the sheep of His pastures declares our <u>dependence</u>.

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

III) A <u>Place</u> Of Public Assembly: (vs. 4)

- A) Enter His gates...and into His courts was in reference to the <u>tabernacle</u> and <u>temple</u>, but also refers to all <u>houses</u> of worship.
- B) When we enter the house of God with thanksgiving and Praise, we make God <u>smile!</u>

IV) A Litany Of Gratitude: (vs. 5)

- A) A litany is a series of petitions.
- B) Basically, this litany directs our thoughts to keep them focused on God.