

# When You Need a Theology of Worship

## *Psalm 100*

**You need to reflect often on who God is, v 5.**

***God wants you to choose to believe that he is good, v 5***

**Pleasant, agreeable, delightful, the source all that makes life possible and worthwhile, an all encompassing attribute that catches everything positive.**

**But what about evil? Calamity Disaster? Disease?**

*You meant it for evil, but god intended it for Good, Gen 50:20*

*Romans 8:28*

*God is Good does everything for his own glory and our benefit as his children, to make us like him.*

***God wants you to choose to believe his “mercy” “covenant-loyalty” never fails, v 5***

**Covenant word, God, in salvation has made a covenant with you. He, for his own purposes has assumed an obligation on behalf of another who is usually helpless to function without such. God is still God and King to unbelievers in rebellion, but the Bible makes it clear that God has no such obligation to unbelievers.**

***God wants you to choose to believe his faithfulness never fails, v 5***

**Word stresses “a conscientious reliability,” not automatic pilot reliability. Think of it as “Never failing conscious reliability”**

*Watch? Microwave? Toaster? Iron? Car? Curling Iron? Friend? Spouse? There isn't much in this world man has touched that is like this. Sun, moon, stars, seasons, but even though they reflect their creator, they aren't conscious about it.*

**You choose to do seven things as a result of reflecting upon God's character<sup>1</sup>.**

### ***1. Shout for Joy, v 1***

**Raise a shout, give a loud blast, verbal expression of approval.**

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<sup>1</sup> Taken from Charles Swindoll, *Living beyond the Daily Grind*, vol. 2, pp. 277-281.

*Danger in emotion only Christianity. But genuine Christianity is emotional.*

**2. Serve the Lord with gladness, v 2**

Healthy sign of grateful life is *joyful* service. Well, I'll do that job only if nobody else will. Ministry, but all tasks.

**3. Come before Him with joyful songs, v 2**

Psalm 147:1,7.

*As you think about life, about God, does it bring a song to your heart? Drive down the road with a scowl? Do the laundry with a song? You ought to! You must!*

**4. Know that the Lord is God, v 3**

Remember that Jehovah is the supreme being! He is in control!

He made us, not creation, but relation.

*You are his because he wanted it to be that way. Nothing worthy in you, he wanted it that way anyhow.*

You have a tender relationship with him, Sheep/shepherd.

**5. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, v 4**

An attitude that leads to an act.

**6. Give thanks to him, v 4**

Appreciating what someone else has done for you and saying so.

*Sign of last days 1 Tim 3 people are ungrateful. People just don't appreciate what God has done for them*

**7. Bless his name, v 4.**

To kneel, to honor, to show homage.

Who is God?	What has he said?	What has he done?	What does that mean to me?