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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE:

BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM, AND BLESS HIS NAME.

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SCRIPTURE READING: **PSALMS 100:2-5**

Psalms 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. The title of the **Book of Psalms** means "A Book of Praise."
- b. It is written primarily to the Israelites, but it has application to the church.
- c. **Psalms** was mostly written by David, but at least seven other writers contributed, including Moses and Solomon.
- d. It was written around 1000 B.C., but the time span is from 1430 to 450 B.C.
- e. The **Book of Psalms** is the longest book in the Bible.
- f. Psalms 119 is the center chapter in the Bible and is a tribute to the Preserved Word of God. It is also the longest chapter in the Bible.
- g. Some themes from the Book of Psalms are:
 1. Sin is always rebellion against God.
 2. Sin will always be punished.
 3. A life of consecrated righteousness hates sin.
 4. God loves each of us and is concerned about every area of our life.
 5. When we know Christ as our Saviour, we can approach Him with all of our concerns. **Hebrews 4:16, Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**
 6. A life of praise is a life of victory.
 7. God can be trusted during our times of sorrow and our times of joy.
- h. This book has blessed the hearts of multitudes down through the ages.
- i. Great men of God have said some very important things about the Psalms.
 1. Ambrose, one of the greatest saints of the church, said "The Psalms are the voices of the church."
 2. Augustine said, "They are the epitome of the whole scripture."
 3. Martin Luther said, "They are a little book for all saints."
 4. John Calvin said, "They are the anatomy of all parts of the soul."
 5. Hooker said, "They are the choice and flower of all things profitable in other books."
 6. Donne says that, "The Psalms foretell what I, what any, shall do and suffer and say."
 7. Herd said, "A hymn book for all times."
 8. Watts said, "They are the thousand-voiced heart of the church."
 9. Spurgeon said, "The Book of Psalm instructs us in the use of wings as well as words."
- j. The Psalms are a real blessing to us, but we must be careful to rightly divide the word. **2 Timothy 2:15 says, Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**
- k. The **Book of Psalms** deals primarily with Christ belonging to Israel and Israel belonging to Christ.
- l. The Psalms are Jewish in expectation and hope. They were primarily adapted to the temple worship.

- m. This does not mean they don't have an application and interpretation for the church today. We will look at some of these applications during this message.
- o. Let's take a closer look at **Psalms 100:2-5** to see what the Lord wants to place in our heart as we internalize the Word of God.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the November 28, 2021 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3 FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

b. Serve the LORD with gladness.

- 1. **Psalms 100:2, *Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.***

- 2. It is a wonderful thing to praise God in song.

- 3. I am reminded of a song (Count Your Blessings).

- 4. "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost.
Count your many blessings, name them one by one.
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;

When you look at others with their lands of gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold?
Count your many blessings money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven nor your home on high.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;

So amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all
Count your many blessings angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;

- 5. Too many times, we as Christians want to deal and reflect on the negatives. We consistently give place to the devil contrary to God's Word. **Ephesians 4:27, *Neither give place to the devil.***
- 6. I ask you today to concentrate on things that are positive. Consider what the Lord has done for us. **Philippians 4:5, *Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Philippians 4:9, *Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.****
- 7. Sit down sometime when you are discouraged and despondent and count your many blessings and see what God has done.
- 8. We should serve the Lord with gladness, come before his presences with singing.
- 9. We know how wonderful He is; we should praise and worship God more and come into His presence joyfully with bliss in our hearts.
- 10. We need to learn to rise above circumstances and allow the Lord Jesus Christ to fill us with all of His joy.
- 11. Train your mind to reflect on positive things rather than the negative things in life. **Philippians**

4:6-8, Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7: And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8: Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9: Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. 10: But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. This should be a wake-up call for all of us at Chesswood Baptist Church as we focus on our brothers and sisters in Christ.

12. In the **Book of Ephesians 1:3** it states **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**
13. Notice it says **ALL** spiritual blessings not some spiritual blessings.
14. **Revelation 1:5-6, And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6: And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

c. Know ye that the Lord he is God.

1. **Psalms 100:3, Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
2. There are multitudes of people today that do not know that the Lord He is God.
3. Even some Christians are not aware of that fact.
4. With respect to the phrase, **it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;** voids every aspect of evolution. Mankind was created directly by the hand of God. **Genesis 1:27, So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. Genesis 2:7, And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**
5. They try to take earthly things and substitute them for God's Program. **2 Corinthians 4:18, While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.**
6. I want to remind you today that it says "**know ye that the Lord he is God.**"
7. Truly, when we look at God's standard and His requirements and the law that He has set before us...(designed to show us our sin); we should run to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Romans 10:4, For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**
8. It is not the outward appearance that one must deal with; that is the fallacies in the religious system that man has devised. **Proverbs 16:25, There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. 1 Samuel 16:7, But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.**
9. It is the inner man where the change has to take place. We must not forget that man has a nature problem. He is depraved, sinful and hopeless. God has to give us a new birth, thereby, imparting a divine nature. **Ephesians 3:16, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 2 Peter 1:4, Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. John 3:7, Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**
10. In order to reap His blessings, we must know Him on a personal basis; we must know Him as our Saviour. **Philippians 3:10, That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;**
11. Jesus Christ is the Creator and sustainer of all things. **Colossians 1:16, For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:**
12. The Bible states in **Acts 16:31, And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

13. Blessings only flow... when we know we have salvation in our hearts and are obedient to the Preserved Word of God.
14. **John 10:14-16, I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 15: As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16: And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd**
15. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Shepherd of Israel, and He is also our Bishop and Shepherd today, if we know Him as personal Saviour. **1 Peter 2:25, For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. Hebrews 10:39, But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.**

d. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

1. **Psalms 100:4, Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.**
2. Here we are instructed in our application as to how we come to God. **Hebrews 11:6, But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**
3. It states **"we are to enter into his gates with thanksgiving, praise him, and we be thankful unto his name"**
4. During this thanksgiving season, I would ask you to reflect on the great blessings that our Lord and Jesus Christ has given us.
5. We must remember that we survived three hurricanes Rita, Ike and Katrina, which were devastating but the Lord protected us. During the extreme drought there were devastating fires in the state of Texas. The Lord protected and brought us through. We saw our church totally destroyed by fire but God has allowed us to build bigger and better to His glory.
6. He provided us shelter in the time of the storm.
7. He taught us the value of material things, and their rightful place in our lives.
8. We saw on our famous highway 59, with millionaires on the road who could not buy a drop of gasoline.
9. We saw a shortage of generators, power and fuel to run them.
10. We saw a loss of food and material things, clothing, shelters, and homes in many cases.
11. But indeed we are here today; Jesus has provided and spared our lives.
12. I believe that God is warning America; we Christians need to be out doing His business. **Matthew 6:33, But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.** We need to rearrange and restructure our priorities. I will promise you these material things will pass away. God reminds us not to focus on temporal things. **2 Corinthians 4:18, While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.**
13. We need to be going into the highways and hedges and compelling people to come to Christ. **Luke 14:23, And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.**
14. We do all of this through thanksgiving and praise.
15. Notice he did not say enter into his gates without Thanksgiving, he said **"enter into my gates with thanksgiving"**
17. If we do not come to worship him in church with joy, praise, and thanksgiving in our hearts; we will experience a dead church, a dead message, and a dead people.

e. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting.

1. **Psalms 100:5, For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.**
2. We know the bible was written by holy men of God as they were moved by the holy spirit. **2 Peter 1:21, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**
3. We do know that the Bible is truth and was given to us for our admonition and learning. **2 Timothy 3:16-17, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17: That the man of God may be perfect,**

thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

4. It was given to us to strengthen us spiritually. **Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**
5. We know that the Lord is good.
6. We know that His mercy and His truth is everlasting, and it goes through all generations. **Psalms 12:6-7, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**
7. We know the Preserved Word of God is God-breathed, has been inspired and is Preserved for every generation. It can neither be altered nor changed in any fashion. It has been given to us for one reason as reflected in **John 20:30-31, And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. Deuteronomy 4:2, Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. So where in the world did these 160 copywritten versions of the Bible come from? I still believe that the King James 1611 is indeed the Preserved Word of God for the English-speaking people.**

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know Jesus today? If you do not know Him, this is the time to come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I would not put it off my friend. It is not by works of righteousness that we have done. God does not put our bad on a scale; and if the good outweighs the bad, we go to Heaven; and if the bad outweighs the good, we go to Hell. My friend, it is not about doing the best you can, keeping the Ten Commandments, the sermon on the mount and being good. We do not go to Heaven by being good and we do not go to Hell because we are bad. **1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10: Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11: And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. Jesus had to deal with the sin nature. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin. Suffered, went to the cross, shed His precious blood for you and I, and presented it at the throne of God in Heaven. He ever liveth to make intercession for us.**
- b. If you do not know Him you, need to come to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ today. **John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**
- c. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- d. **Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**
- e. **Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- f. **2 Peter 1:4, Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. John 10:27-29, My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29: My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. 2 Timothy 1:12, For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. Romans 8:38-39, For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39: Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 John 5:13, These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.**
- g. May God richly bless you during this Thanksgiving and Christmas season as we reflect on what he has done for us, and what he will do for us in the future.

- h. It has been a pleasure for Clara and I, to serve you here at Chesswood Baptist Church. God has given us one of the greatest church families on the face of the Earth. Indeed, we are thankful that He has chosen to use us here at Chesswood.
- i. Would you please stand?

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