

30 Days Together
“Immanuel - God With Us”
#30daystogether

Day #23 – Dec. 18th

Text: Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs. 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.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Devotion: Kathy Munger

Have you noticed the number of the devotional text selections the past 23 days that have been from the Book of Psalms and focus on offering praises to our Lord? Perhaps this was by design! For a behavior to become an ingrained habit it must be practiced on a regular basis. Psalm 100 shares the theme of coming before His presence with a GRATEFUL heart. If we do this daily, it becomes second nature to think and act GRATEFULLY.

The Psalmist uses clear verbiage for the kind of praise our Savior wants to hear – **gladness, joyful, thanksgiving**. And the reason is clear. The Lord is God! We are His! Our GRATEFUL hearts want to honor our GREAT-FULL God. When practiced daily, praising him with GRATEFUL hearts becomes who we are. Prayerfully, this attitude of gratitude spills over into our daily living. These days of uncertainty, frustration, and even fear become an avenue in which to demonstrate for others how our praises of GRATEFULNESS can bring peace, comfort, and trust in God’s faithfulness.

The last sentence of the Psalm says, “...His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations”. May we continue to model GRATEFULNESS to our GREAT-FULL God so that generations to come “Know that the Lord is God”.

Closing Prayer: Oh GREAT-FULL God, we are GRATEFUL for your Spirit that daily fills our hearts with gratitude. Give us wisdom as we navigate these days where we’ve challenged your once perfect creation. Thank you for the gift of your Son and for the peace His sacrifice provides your children. Help us model your love every day so others may know that you are a Faithful God. Amen.