

*Shout for Joy*  
*Psalm 100:1-5*

Psalm 100 describes our \_\_\_\_\_ response when we realize we are in God's presence. Shouting for joy is the response people have to the moments of great \_\_\_\_\_ in life. This shout wells up from someplace \_\_\_\_\_ within and cannot be restrained.

We are commanded to worship the Lord with gladness. The word worship is also the word for \_\_\_\_\_. Worship is always serving and serving is always worship. When we worship, we ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ and when we serve, we ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ to do it.

The other active commands of the chapter are calls to worship— \_\_\_\_\_ to join in the corporate worship of God. Joining in the worship of God's people ought to be a deliberate \_\_\_\_\_ for us and bring about shouts of joy that reflect a deep thankfulness resident in our souls.

The most important revelation of the text is the reason for our joy. "Know that the LORD is God." The word "Lord" is the personal \_\_\_\_\_ for God in the Hebrew: "Yahweh." The word "God" is "Elohim" in Hebrew—it means \_\_\_\_\_ creator God. What the psalmist is really saying is, "When you choose Yahweh as your God, you can be sure, you've \_\_\_\_\_!"

The text goes on to say, "He made us, we are His people, the sheep of His pasture." The point is, you \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and that is good news. God \_\_\_\_\_ of what belongs to Him.

Holidays are hard times for some people. Often things are just not \_\_\_\_\_ for you. You are even wondering if God is really \_\_\_\_\_ of you. I can assure you He is. Remember, though, that God sees the \_\_\_\_\_ view. His best blessings often take time but are well worth the wait!

As you enter the holiday season this year, worship the Lord with gladness and thanksgiving and songs and shouts of praise. If you give it a little time, this God who has chosen you, will bring \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ anew to you.