

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.