**BEING THANKFUL FOR [OUR] BLESSINGS**

**Psalms 100:1 – 5**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Once again, “Thanksgiving” is here.

2. Someone has said that “Thankfulness to God should be as regular as [our] heartbeat”.

3. As Thanksgiving is celebrated this week, ensure to be thankful for ALL God has given [us].

 A. Ensure this is ***NOT*** the only time of the year [we] do so.

**BODY:**

**1. BE THANKFUL UNTO GOD**

 A. The 100th Psalms is recognized as a Psalm of Thankfulness or Thanksgiving to God.

 B. [We] should serve God with Gladness [JOY] (Psa 100:1, 2).

 C. We should know He is God (Psa 100:3).

 D. He made [us] (Psa 100:3).

 E. [We] belong to Him (Psa 100:3).

 F. Give Him Thanks (Psa 100:4).

 G. Give Him Praise (Psa l00:4; Lk 19:35-40; Heb 13:15).

 H. Hold His Name Sacred (Psa 96:2; 100:4).

 1. Honor must be paid unto Him (Mt 6:9). Why?

 A. Because He Is Good (Psa 100:5).

 2. God is ***NOT*** a mere being of power nor is He merely the Creator, **BUT**…

 A. He is Benevolent [Generous/Caring].

 3. In the previous verses (Psa 100:1-4), His Claim for Adoration is founded by Him being the Creator and with such an achievement, He has the right to [our] service.

 4. In this verse (Psa 100:5), His Claim for Adoration is due to His Moral Character:

 A. Benevolence / Mercy / Truth.

**2. BIBLE EXAMPLES CONCERNING THANKFULNESS**

 A. Some people who were thankful:

 1. Daniel gave thanks unto God (Dan 6:10).

 2. Anna, a widow, gave thanks unto the Lord for Jesus (Lk 2:36-38).

 3. Jesus gave thanks unto God (Jn 11:41).

 B. Some people who were ***NOT*** thankful:

 1. The nine lepers who did ***NOT*** return to give thanks to Jesus (Lk 17:12-18).

 2. Those who knew God, **BUT** were ***NOT*** thankful to Him (Rom 1:21).

 3. Paul warned Timothy some would become unthankful (2 Tim 3:2).

**3. DISCONTENT: AN OBSTACLE TO THANKFULNESS**

 A. The Bible instructs [us] to be content (1 Tim 6:6-8; Heb 13:5).

 B. Paul was content [pleased/satisfied] (Php 4:11).

 1. Must be careful to ***NOT*** take this too far.

 A. There are many things [we] must ***NOT*** be content with:

 1. Error (Gal 1:6 – 9).

 2. Apathy, when it comes to the spread of the gospel, etc. ( 1 Cor 15:58).

 3. Ignorance of God’s Word (2 Tim 2:15).

 C. Some who were ***NOT*** content (Ac 5:1-10; 8:14-22).