

## SERMON MESSAGE FOR NOVEMBER 24/25, 2018

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Happy thanksgivings  
Psalm 100 (p. 518)

**THE KEY INSIGHT** → God desires and deserves our \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Heb. 13:15; Ps. 50:23)

1. The commands to actively participate.

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**THE POINT** → Our worship service should be known as “\_\_\_\_\_.”

2. The reasons to actively participate.

WE KNOW THE LORD ...

- Alone \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 3; Prov. 3:5-6)
- Has \_\_\_\_\_ us. (v. 3; Deut. 7:7-8; John 15:16)
- Is always \_\_\_\_\_ to us. (v. 5; Luke 17:17)
- Will never stop \_\_\_\_\_ us. (v. 5; Lam. 3:22)
- Always \_\_\_\_\_ His promises. (v. 5)

**OUR CHALLENGE** → Practice \_\_\_\_\_ throughout  
this week. (1 Thess. 5:18)

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## FROM NOVEMBER 24/25, 2018 SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUPS

Watch Pastor's Video Blog online at [www.efcc.org/video-blog/](http://www.efcc.org/video-blog/)  
(see the link under the GROW tab, Sermons side).

Personal preparation: Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. With your group, watch the video blog together.

### CONNECTING

1. What are some of the things you were grateful for this Thanksgiving?

### GROWING

2. Read verses 1-3 together.

- What are the three commands in these verses? Do you find them to be easier or more difficult kinds of things to do? Why?

- What are the reasons the psalmist gives for doing the three commands? What are some of the implications of each that would prompt happy thanksgivings to come from your heart?

3. Read verses 4-5 together.

- There is one command in these verses. What is it and what are some immediate implications you see for your spiritual life?
- What are the reasons the psalmist gives for doing this one thing? How do these reasons create happy thanksgivings in your heart?

### SHARING

4. What is one new way you can express your thankfulness to God this next week?

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*(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)*

"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights;" James 1:17

**THE KEY INSIGHT:** God desires and deserves our **happy giving of thanks**. (Heb. 13:15; Ps. 50:23)

*"Our happy God should be worshipped by happy people."* Charles Spurgeon

"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15

"He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me;" Psalm 50:23

1. The commands to actively participate.

- **Shout joyfully**

- **Serve gladly**

"Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31

- **Sing joyfully**

- **Enter thankfully**

"Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith;" Hebrews 10:19-22

**THE POINT:** Our worship service should be known as "**happy hour**."

2. The reasons to actively participate.

*WE KNOW THE LORD ...*

- Alone **is God**. (v. 3; Prov. 3:5-6)

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

- Has **chosen** us. (v. 3; Deut. 7:7-8; John 15:16)

"The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers;" Deuteronomy 7: 7-8

"You did not choose Me but I chose you;" John 15: 16

- Is always **good** to us. (v. 5; Luke 17:17)

"Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine — where are they?" Luke 17:17

- Will never stop **loving** us. (v. 5; Lam. 3:22)

"The LORD'S loving kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail."  
Lamentations 3:22

*"The unthankful heart discovers no mercies; but the thankful heart will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings."* Henry Ward Beecher

- Always **keeps** His promises. (v. 5)

**OUR CHALLENGE:** Practice **thanks-driven obedience** throughout this week. (1 Thess. 5:18)

"... in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18