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Short Study 030: Praise from Psalm 100

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Read Psalm 100

It is easy in our worship to say "Praise the Lord", and mean it sincerely. However that expression is an invitation, or exhortation to praise, it is not praise itself. It implies we should go on to DO it – i.e. actually give Him praise.

This short Psalm of thanksgiving gives us six things we can praise Him for (three in verse 3 and three in verse 5). "Praise the Lord *because*"

1. Identify these six attributes of God that make him worthy of our praise. Ponder each one. Why not praise Him for each of these as you do so?
2. Notice the order in verse 4 – thanksgiving followed by praise. In what way is this order significant?

To think about:

1. There are undoubtedly other things for which God is to be praised. Can you think of any?
2. The Authorised version and New King James Version starts verse 2 with the word "serve" rather than "worship", which is closer to the Hebrew ('*abad*'). How is God 'served' by our worship?

To dig deeper: Read a commentary on Psalm 100, especially on that tells of its relationship to the series of Psalm 91-100 (e.g. Barnes).