

# A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING



Introduction: People often skip over Thanksgiving and move right on Christmas. We would rather get stuff than say thank you for it. The title of Psalms in the Hebrew Bible (*cipher tehillim*) means “book of praise.” It was the song book for the Jews. The only superscription to this psalm (predating the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC) read: “A *Psalm of Thanksgiving*.” We will find “thanks,” “thankful” and “thanksgiving” 42 times combined in the psalms, but this psalm has been singled out as “A Psalm of Thanksgiving.” What does that mean? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

## *I. THE LORD IS OUR CREATOR*

<sup>1</sup> Shout to the Lord, all the earth.

## *II. THE LORD IS OUR MASTER*

<sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with joy; come before Him with singing.

## *III. THE LORD IS OUR FATHER*

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to Him...

## *IV. THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD*

<sup>3</sup> ... we are His people, the sheep He tends.

## *V. THE LORD IS OUR KING*

<sup>4</sup> Come into His city with songs of thanksgiving and into His courtyards with songs of praise.

## *VI. THE LORD IS OUR SAVIOR*

<sup>4</sup> ... Thank Him and praise His name.

## *VII. THE LORD IS OUR JUDGE*

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is good. His love is forever, and His loyalty goes on and on.

Conclusion: Giving thanks shows appreciation for the gift and the giver. A thankless heart is senseless and foolish (**Romans 1:21**). We need to thank God, through Christ, for all our abundant blessings because “every good gift” is from the Father (**James 1:17**). His mercy, loving kindness, and loyalty knows no limit! The Lord is steadfast. God is faithful to every generation (**Exodus 34:6-7, Lamentations 3:22-23**). There is no question about His loyalty, but there is a question to what you are going to do about it. Notice the verbs in the psalm. When you worship God, serve God, or follow God it takes action. How can you reveal to God that you are thankful?

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