

# A Season to Celebrate

## Lesson One: A Season to Give Thanks – Psalm 100

### INTRODUCTION

- What does the Holiday Season mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_.
- These meanings just mentioned are not necessarily evil or sinful.
- However they are not the primary purpose of this season.
- This should be a season to give thanks to God.
- Giving of thanks is woven throughout the Bible.
- Old Testament Thanksgiving: Leviticus 7:11 – 15; Psalm 92:1; 1 Chronicles 16:34
- New Testament Thanksgiving: Colossians 3:17; Hebrews 13:15; James 1:17; Philippians 4:6

### I. Giving Thanks \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ for God: *Verses 1-2*

- A. A heart of \_\_\_\_\_: *Psalm 95:2*
- B. A heart of \_\_\_\_\_: *2 Corinthians 5:14 – 15*
- C. A heart of \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Giving Thanks \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: *Verse 3*

- A. He is our \_\_\_\_\_: *2 Chronicles 29:11 – 13; John 14:6; Jeremiah 29:3 – 4*
- B. He is our \_\_\_\_\_: *Ecclesiastes 12:1*
- C. He is our \_\_\_\_\_: *John 8:44; Colossians 1:12 -14; Ephesians 2:8 – 9, Acts 4:12*

### III. Giving Thanks \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God: *Verses 4-5*

- A. With \_\_\_\_\_: *Job 1:20 – 21*
- B. With \_\_\_\_\_: *2 Corinthians 2:14*

### CONCLUSION:

- Thanksgiving is to be every day, and not just on Thanksgiving Day.
- If Thanksgiving Day is about turkey and football, you have missed the meaning of the holiday.
- We give thanks for our salvation first of all, and give thanks for our other blessings as well: life, health, family, friends, and even things we do not deserve.

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