

# A Harvest of Righteousness

James 3:17-18 Psalm 100

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## The promise:

*James 3:17-18 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a **harvest of righteousness** is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

**Theme: Our joyful, happy, wise God is to be worshipped by a joyful, happy, wise people**

**How do I respond in faith to a harvest of righteousness?  
With Thanksgiving!**

*Psalm 107:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever...*

**Thanksgiving is \_\_\_\_\_**

*I Thess. 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*Eph 5:20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*Rom. 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

*II Cor 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

*Phil. 1:12 But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel,*

Three attitudes that steal gratitude

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**The five commands of thanksgiving:**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> command - Thank Him!**

*Psalm 100:1 Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!*

*Psalm 107:8-9 Oh, that men would give **thanks** to the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! For He **satisfies** the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.*

I say “thank you Jesus” when I \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Command - Serve Him

*Psalm 100:2a Serve the LORD with gladness;*

*Ps 139:13-14a For You formed my inward parts; you covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;*

*Job 10:8a ‘Your hands have made me and fashioned me, an intricate unity;*

**What is my S-H-A-P-E ?**

Spiritual gifts   Heart   Abilities   Personality   Experiences

**I am best “shaped” to serve Him by \_\_\_\_\_**

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Command - Revere Him

*Psalm 100:2b Come before His presence with singing.*

How do I serve the Lord?

*Col 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.*

First place in \_\_\_\_\_

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“I will never experience the fullness of joy that I was created to know until Jesus is first place in every area of my life”

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Command - Obey Him

*Psalm 100:3 Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

*Psalm 23:1-3 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.*

*Malachi 3:2-3 For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

*I Timothy 6:6-8 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.*

## **The 5th Command – Witness for Him**

*Psalm 100:4-5 Enter into **His gates** with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures **to all generations.***