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S hout with joy before the Lord, O earth! ² Obey him gladly; come before him, singing with joy. ³ Try to realize what this means—the Lord is God! He made us—we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Go through his open gates with great thanksgiving; enter his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name. ⁵ For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation. - Psalm 100, TLB

A. Here is a Recipe for Thanksgiving

What are the Ingredients for this Thanksgiving Recipe?

- **1. JOYFULNESS** ¹ Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.
- **2. GLADNESS** ² Serve the LORD with <u>gladness</u>; Come before Him with joyful singing.
- **3. DEPENDENCE** ³ Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, <u>and not we ourselves</u>; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

If we are created, He is the <u>Creator</u>. If we are sheep, He is our <u>Shepherd</u>. If we enter His courts, He is our <u>King</u>. If we serve Him, He is our <u>Master</u>. **4. THANKFULNESS** ⁴ Enter His gates with <u>thanksgiving</u> And His courts with praise. <u>Give thanks to Him</u>, bless His name.

> Luke 17 – The Story of Ten Leprous Men Like them, we forget the Blesser, the blessing and to bless.

5. GRATITUDE ⁵ For <u>the LORD is good</u>; His lovingkindness is everlasting And His faithfulness to all generations.

The Lord is good!

B. It's Time!

Psalm 100, NLT - A psalm of thanksgiving. ¹ Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth! ² Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. ³ Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. ⁵ For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

1. It's Time we <u>Approach</u> God!

Psalm 100:1–2, NKJV -¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD, <u>all</u> you lands! ² <u>Serve</u> the LORD with gladness; *<u>Come before His</u> <u>presence</u> with singing.

2. It's Time we <u>Acknowledge</u> God!

Psalm 100:3, NKJV -³ *<u>Know</u> that the LORD, <u>He is God</u>; It is He who has <u>made us</u>, and not we ourselves; <u>We are His people</u> and the sheep of His pasture.

3. It's Time we Appreciate God!

Psalm 100:4–5, HCSB -⁴ Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. **Give thanks to Him* and praise His name. ⁵ For Yahweh is good, and His <u>love is eternal</u>; His faithfulness endures through all generations.