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**Here are seven things for which we should be thankful from the 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm.**

- 1. Revelation** Vs. 3 “...the LORD He is God...”  
His name is Jehovah, the great and mighty God.
- 2. Creation** Vs. 3 “...It is He that hath made us...”  
This is an answer to the evolutionist, the critic, and the agnostic. Read Psalms 19:1-6 and 139:1-16
- 3. Manifestation** Vs. 5 “For the Lord is good...”  
David, the Psalmist, could see the goodness of God everywhere. Psalms 23 say, “...goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.”
- 4. Redemption** Vs. 3 “...we are His people...”  
First by creation and then by redemption.
- 5. Restoration** Vs. 3 “...the sheep of His pasture.”  
Psalms 23:3 “He restoreth my soul.”  
I am not a sheep without a shepherd.
- 6. Justification** Vs. 5 “...His mercy is everlasting...”  
Once justified, always justified. His mercy never runs out.
- 7. Inspiration** Vs. 5 “...and His Truth endureth to all generations.”  
John 17:17 says “Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.” God’s Word is inspired.

**Because of all these things, we should:**

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| A. Enter His gates with thanksgiving | C. Be thankful unto Him |
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