



## **Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 9/3/2023**

### ***Psalm 100:1-5***

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

**Worship is to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission.**

### ***Mark 7:1-7***

One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating. (The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions. Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many traditions they have clung to—such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.) So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, “Why don't your disciples follow our age-old tradition?” They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony.” Jesus replied, “You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’”

### ***John 4:23***

But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

**The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.**

**Praise paves the way to peace.**

### **A.W. Tozer**

The neglected heart will soon be a heart overrun with worldly thoughts; the neglected life will soon become a moral chaos.

**Praise God with your voice.**

***Psalm 9:2***

I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.

***Psalm 22:3***

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**Praise God with your posture.**

***Psalm 95:6-7***

Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care.

***Psalm 63:4 NIV***

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

**Praise God with the life you live.**

***Romans 12:1***

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

***Psalm 145:1-3***

I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever. I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! No one can measure his greatness.