THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 100:1-5)

(Psalm 100) "Make a joyful shout (noise) to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. 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. 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; and His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations."

1. THE SOUND OF THANKSGIVING

(v1) "Make a joyful shout (noise) to the Lord"
All of us can do that (here, in the car, shower, walking alone). (Hebrews 2:12)

2. THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

(v2) "Serve the Lord with gladness"
"Serve" - work; minister; duty; enlist; active involvement.
In the worship assembly, too: (Psalm 122:1 and Psalm 67:3-4)

3. THE SINGING OF THANKSGIVING

(v2) "Come before His presence with singing"
(Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3:16-17; Hebrews 13:15)

4. THE KNOWLEDGE OF THANKSGIVING

(v3) "Know that the Lord, He is God"
Thanksgiving acknowledges: (Exodus 20:1-3; John 4:23-24; Ephesians 4:6)
And, "it is He that made us." Know that, too: (Psalm 139:14).

5. THE PEOPLE OF THANKSGIVING

(v3) "We are His people" - (1 John 3:1)
"The sheep of His pasture" - (Psalm 23)

6. THE SHOWING OF THANKSGIVING

(v4) "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving ... with praise ... bless His name" (Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

7. THREE REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING

(v5) "For the Lord is good; and His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endures to all generations."

That's just the beginning of the list of "all spiritual blessings" (Ephesians 1:3).