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Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name. *Psalm 100:4*

What an amazing privilege we have to enter boldly into His throne of grace. We serve a personal God who desires a relationship with us. We have access to Him 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We should not just come to Him in an offhand way. We should not come empty-handed to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. What do we have to give that is worthy of Almighty God? Our praise, our thanksgiving, our worship. We should always enter his gates with an offering of adoration from our hearts.

Praise is not about singing hymns in church. Praise is the expression of gratefulness to God for who He is and all He has done. When we enter His presence the right way, He enters our circumstances. And when God shows up, the enemy must flee. Oh, if we would make praise and worship our first response in all situations.

It is good to start off your day by thanking God for all He has done for you. Begin by thanking God for the basics: thank you for our health, thank you for our community, thank you for all You have done for us. Today, enter into His gates with thanksgiving and open the door for Him to move in your behalf.

Faith says "thank you". Oh give thanks to the Lord for he is good – for His mercy and loving kindness endure forever.

When you love with an attitude of constant gratitude, not only will you thank God for what He has done in your life, you start thanking Him for what he will do in the future. When we say thank you to God for the things that are coming, it is really a declaration of our faith in Him. It is saying "God, I am so sure of your goodness, I am so sure that you are working in my life that I am going to thank you right now for what you are going to do tomorrow". That is the faith that pleases God. He wants us to trust in His goodness and believe that He will reward those who diligently seek Him. He delights in seeing our faith. He delights in our

gratitude. We have so much to be grateful for. We should get in the habit of giving God thanks all day long. Today, let your faith say thank you. Praise Him throughout the day with an attitude of joy and expect to see His goodness in every area of your life.

Let us pray: Father, thank you for another day to praise your name. Thank you for all you have done in our lives and for what you will do tomorrow. You are a faithful God and we praise you with grateful hearts. Help us to keep an attitude of faith and praise no matter what the circumstances. We know that you are a rewarder of those who diligently seek you and that our future is bright as we serve and obey you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen