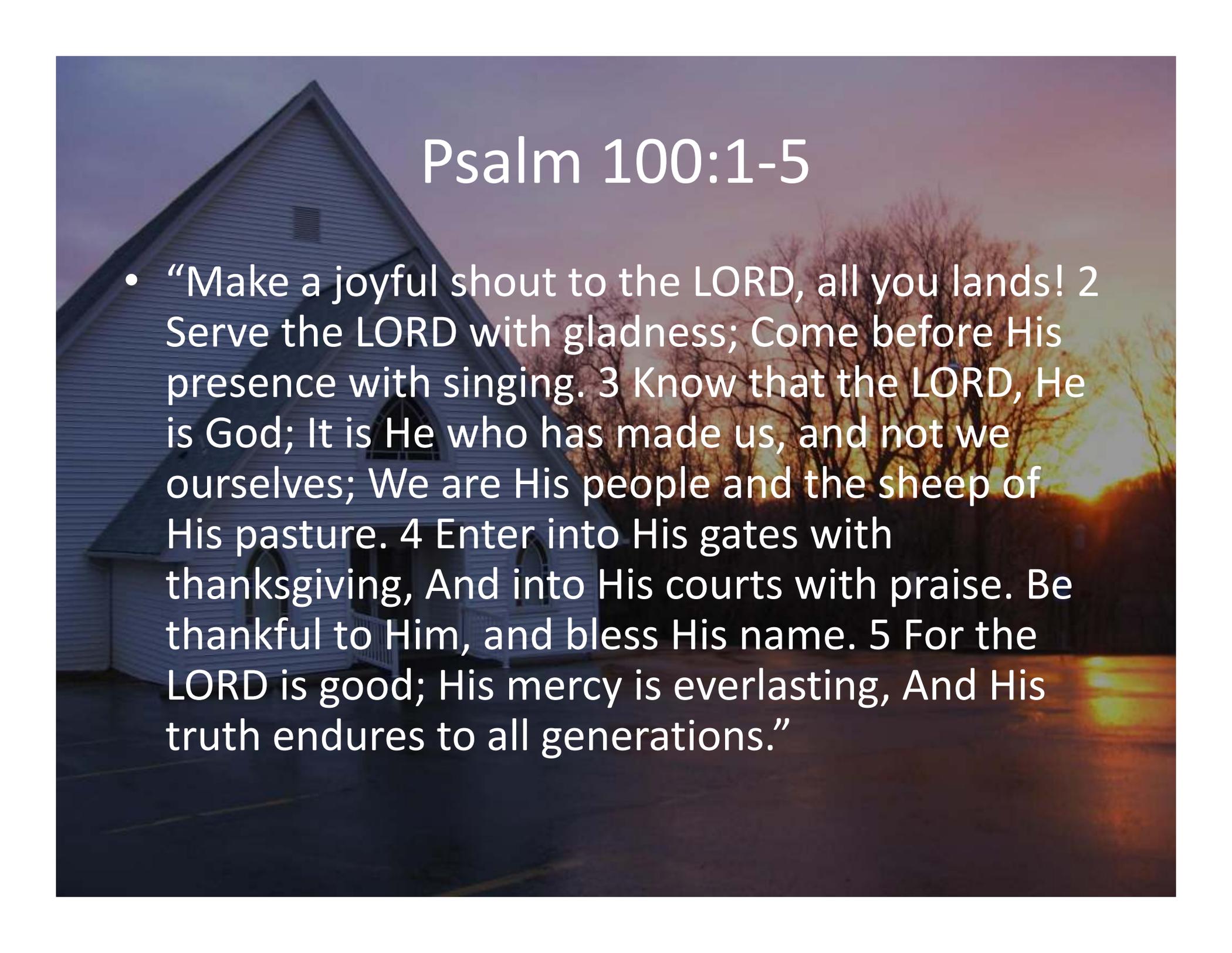




# What Should I Bring to Church?

Psalm 100:1-5



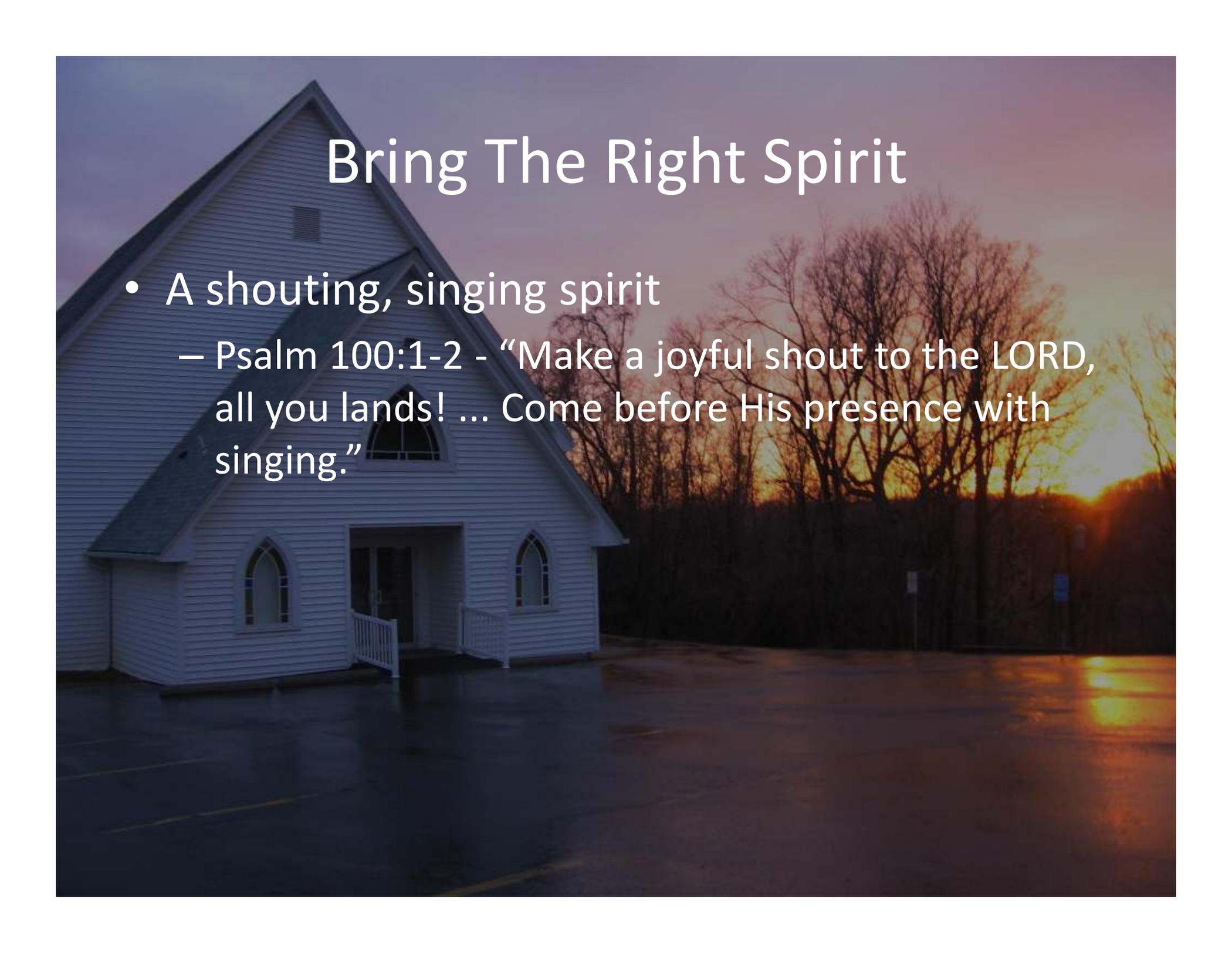
## Psalm 100:1-5

- “Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! 2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. 3 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. 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.”

# Five Reasons To Take Your Bible To Church

- It enables you to examine what the preacher is saying (Acts 17:11).
- It shows that the Bible is important to you, thus glorifying God
- It's a positive example to your neighbors, fellow disciples, and children.
- It facilitates participation in the services
- It allows you to highlight or note things that will be helpful in future studies.

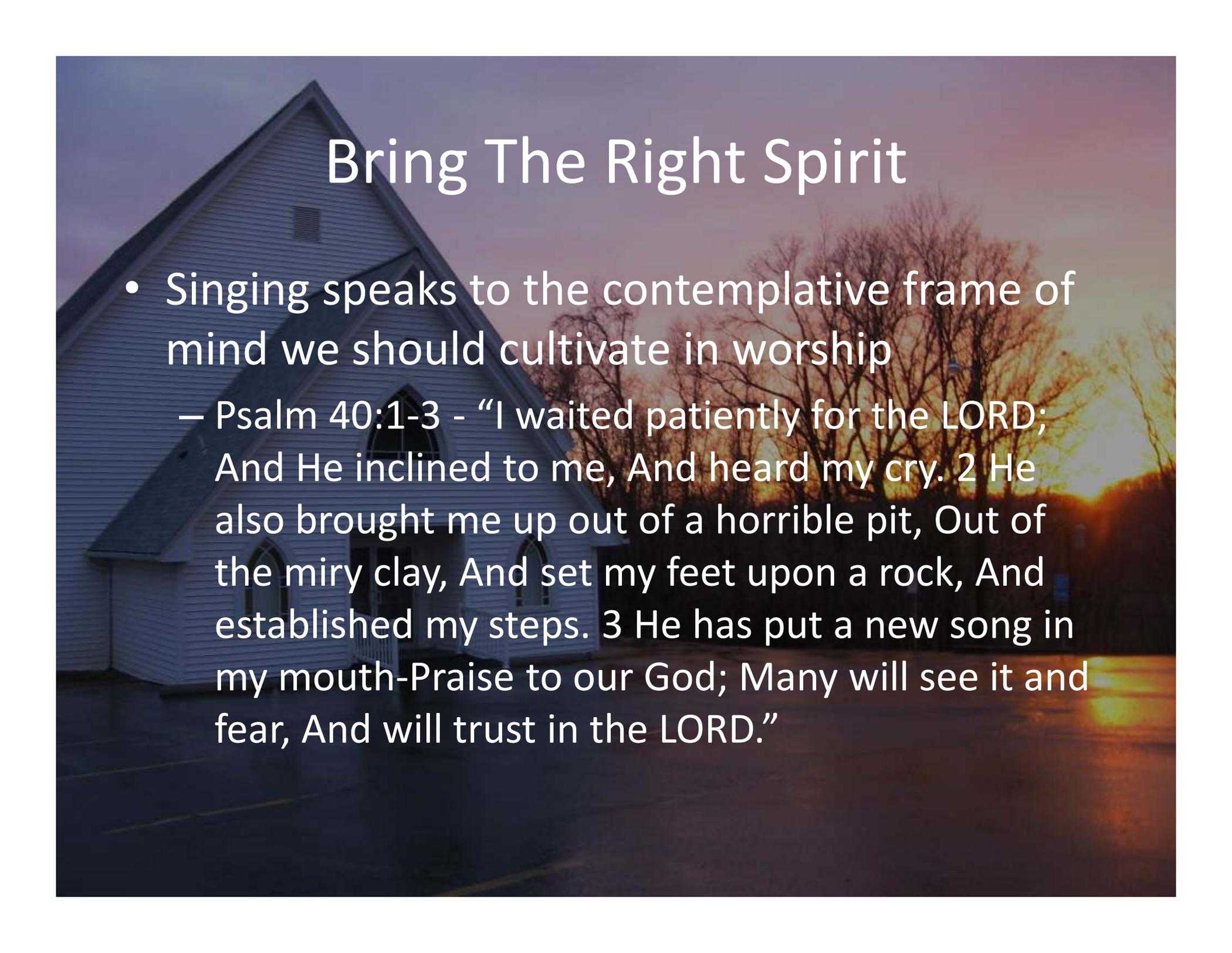
# Bring The Right Spirit

A photograph of a white, single-story church building with a prominent steeple. The church has a central entrance with a small porch and two arched windows on either side. The building is set against a backdrop of trees and a sunset sky, with the sun low on the horizon. The foreground shows a wet, reflective parking lot.

- A shouting, singing spirit
  - Psalm 100:1-2 - “Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! ... Come before His presence with singing.”

# Bring The Right Spirit

- Shouting speaks to the enthusiasm we should feel about coming to worship
  - Psalm 95:1 - “Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.”
  - Psalm 98:4 - “Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.”



# Bring The Right Spirit

- Singing speaks to the contemplative frame of mind we should cultivate in worship
  - Psalm 40:1-3 - “I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. 2 He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. 3 He has put a new song in my mouth-Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.”

# Bring The Right Spirit

- A serving spirit
  - Psalm 100:2 - “Serve the LORD with gladness...”
  - 1Cor. 6:20 - “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.”

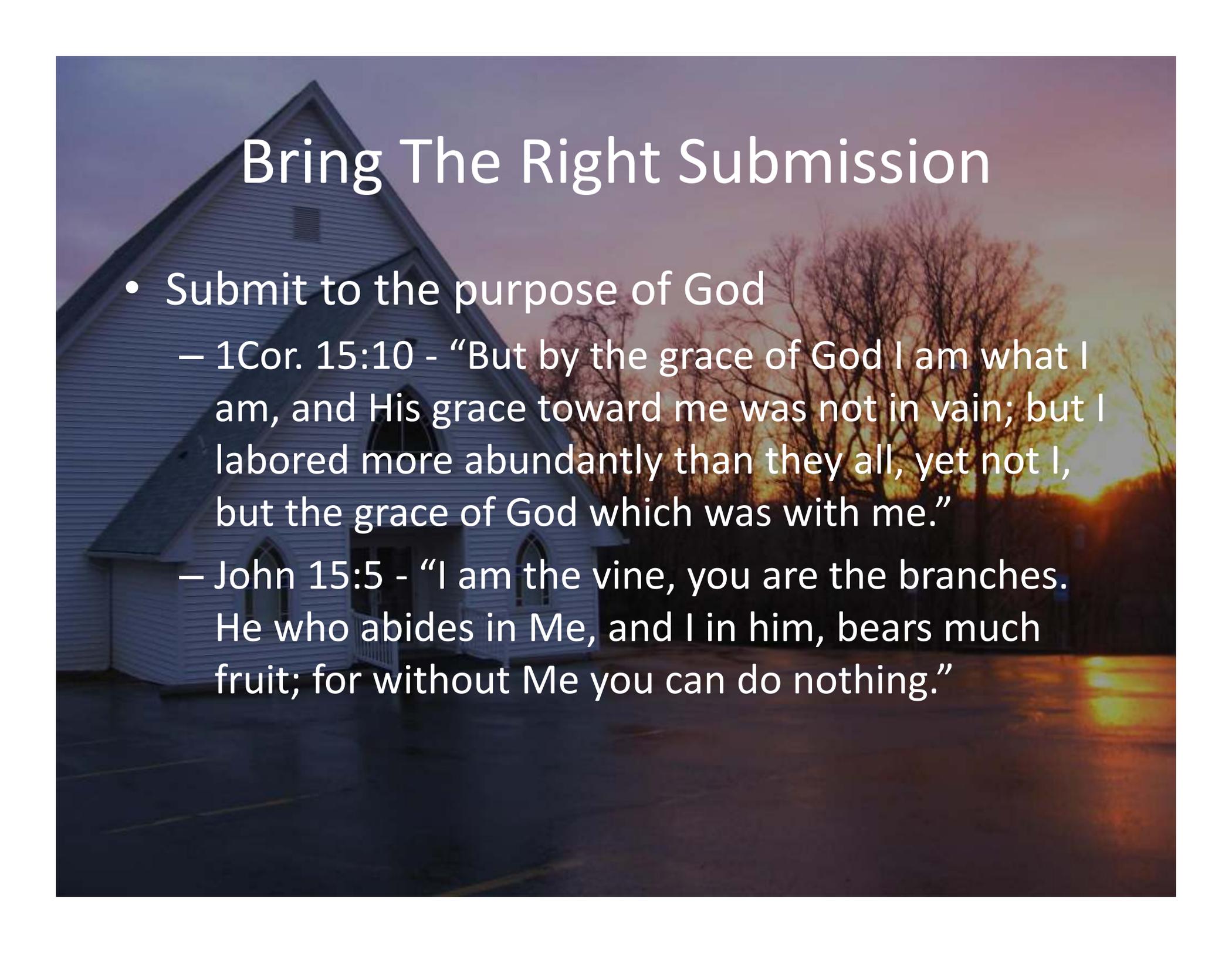


# Bring The Right Spirit

- And do so cheerfully
  - Psalm 122:1 - “I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.”
  - Zech. 8:21 - “The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also.”

# Bring The Right Submission

- Submit to the person of God
  - Psalm 100:3 - “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.”
  - Ez. 34:30-31 - “Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people, says the Lord GOD.’ 31 You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God, says the Lord GOD.”



# Bring The Right Submission

- Submit to the purpose of God
  - 1Cor. 15:10 - “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”
  - John 15:5 - “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

# Bring The Right Submission

- He saved us, and the only honorable response to that is to serve Him unreservedly
  - Eph. 2:10 - “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”





# Bring The Right Submission

- Submit to the promise of God
  - Psalm 23 is less about the promises of God and more about how we should react to them.
  - Reciting the promises of God does little good until we choose to change our thinking in response to them.
  - Rom. 8:28-32 is just a scripture reading until we adjust our lives in reply to His promises.

# Bring The Right Sacrifice

- Psalm 100:4-5 - “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.”
- In the Tabernacle and Temple days, the priest must not enter the presence of the Lord without the right sacrifice. To do so meant death
  - Heb. 9:7 - “But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance”

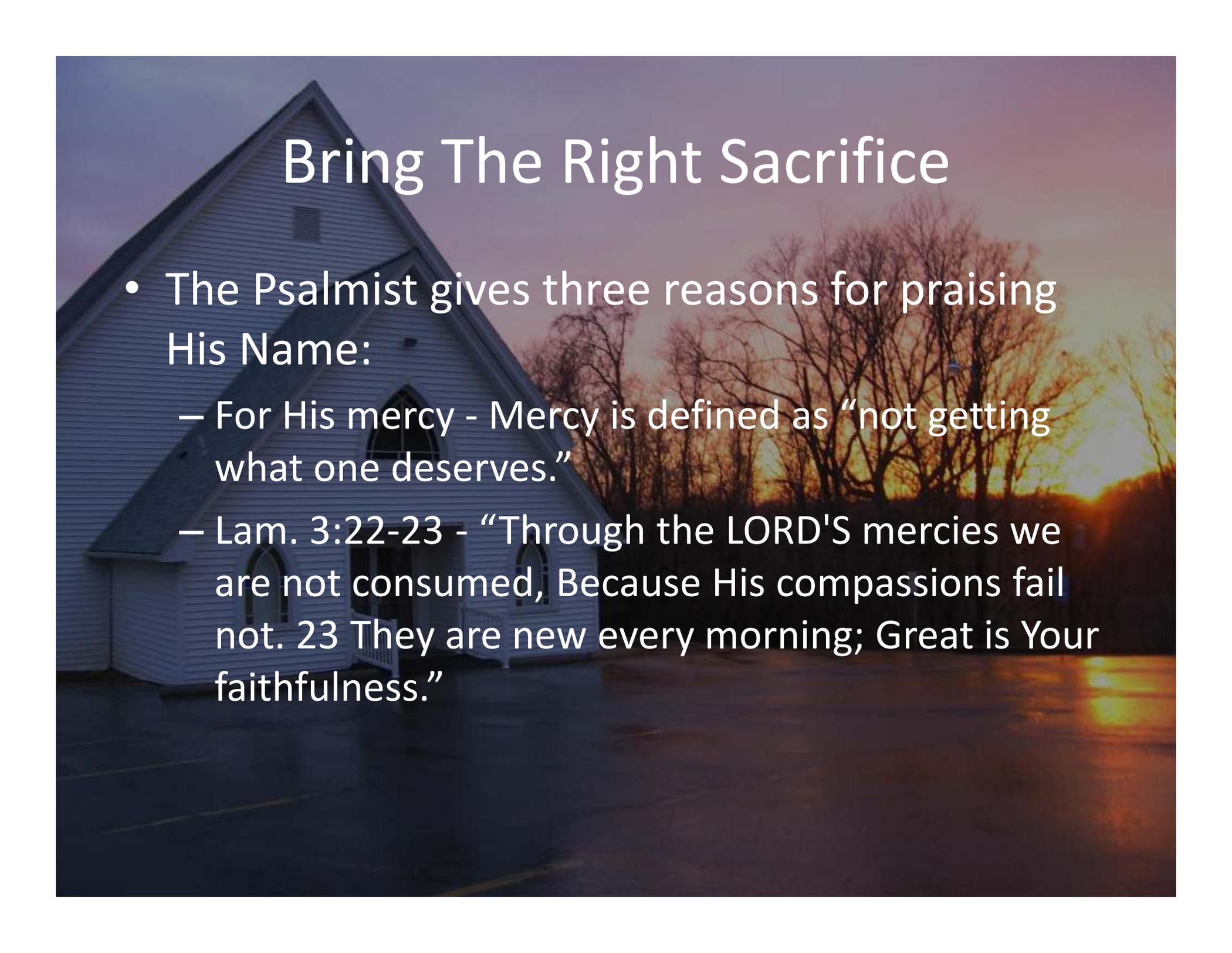
# Bring The Right Sacrifice

- We are given an invitation to come into the presence of the King. This is not a casual image. Consider the court of Ahasuerus:
  - Mordecai risked his life coming into his court without a smile
  - Esther risked her life coming in uninvited
  - One never turned his back to the king, even when leaving
  - Bow to the king (or prostrate) every few steps; offer up declarations of praise or loyalty every few steps
  - Visiting dignitaries brought their own choirs



# Bring The Right Sacrifice

- The Psalmist gives three reasons for praising His Name:
  - For His goodness - “good, pleasant, beautiful, delightful, glad, joyful, precious, correct, righteous”
  - Everything God does is an expression of His goodness.

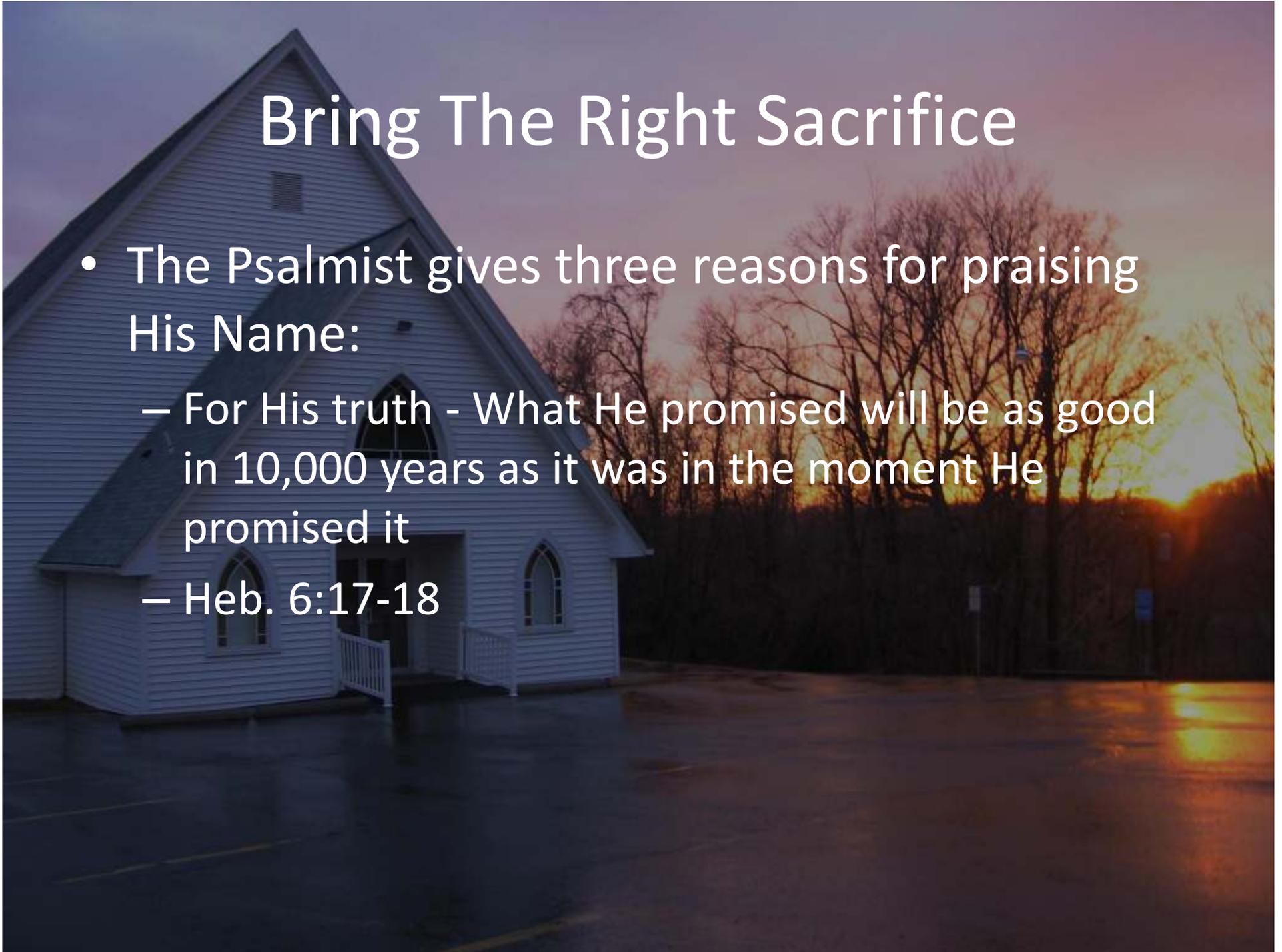


# Bring The Right Sacrifice

- The Psalmist gives three reasons for praising His Name:
  - For His mercy - Mercy is defined as “not getting what one deserves.”
  - Lam. 3:22-23 - “Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.”

# Bring The Right Sacrifice

- The Psalmist gives three reasons for praising His Name:
  - For His truth - What He promised will be as good in 10,000 years as it was in the moment He promised it
  - Heb. 6:17-18



# What Did I Bring To Church Today?

- “Got my Bible, class-book, contribution, and dressed up in my Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes”
- What about the important things?
  - Did you bring a spirit of awe and humility?
  - Did you bring complete subjection to Almighty, All-wise God?
  - Did you bring yourself as a living sacrifice to the One who gave you your life twice?