

Public Shame

1. **Where Everyone Knows Your Name (19).**

2. **Naomi's Song of Woe (20-21).**

3. **Shame and Hope (22).**

Conclusion: Naomi struggles with the public shame of coming home empty. Instead of giving thanks to the Lord she sings a song of woe that keeps her focused on what she perceives as God dealing with her harshly. How can we give thanks to the Lord even when we are dealing with great difficulties? Keeping our eyes focused on the lovingkindness of God displayed in Christ through His life, death, and resurrection is the only way.

Exodus 15:22-26

²² Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³ When they came to Marah, *they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah.* ²⁴ And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” ²⁵ And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, *and the water became sweet.* There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, ²⁶ saying, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.”

Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

² Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Matthew 21:10-11

And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, *the whole city was stirred up*, saying, “*Who is this?*” And the crowds said, “*This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.*”

John 6:41-51

⁴¹ So the Jews *grumbled* about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “*Do not grumble among yourselves.*” ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”