“It is He who made us”

Reading the Bible slowly and considering each phrase is fun. Do you ever stop to wonder how God chose to word certain things in certain passages? Psalm 100 is a well-known text. The very center of the psalm states, “It is He who made us.” Why doesn’t it state it more simply as, “He made us”? Consider the significance of the text saying, “It is HE who made us.”

The words just before it state, “Know that the Lord, He is God.” “God” (Hebrew, *Elohim)* is not His name but a reference to the Divine nature of Jehovah, emphasizing His strength, might and the power to create and effect. He is God! The words just after it state, “and not we ourselves” (KJV, NKJV, NASB, and footnotes in other translations). What’s the point in this verse? Jehovah is God! AND WE ARE NOT!

Therefore, let us “Make a joyful shout” to HIM! Let us “Serve” HIM “with gladness”! Let us “Be thankful to HIM”! HE alone is deserving of ALL of this (and more!), for “It is HE who made us,” and WE had nothing to do with it!!

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