



Gladness

- "1. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands
- 2. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing." (Psalms 11:1,

Here it is very specifically written in the Psalms how to serve the Lord. Serving the Lord is the part of self-sacrifice. Putting Lord first, giving Him His due place. And not only that but it has to do with gladness and of course serving the Lord should not be a burden. When we try to serve the in our own strength and according to our own will and plan then it becomes burden, but if it is done according to His will and plan then it become joyous and pleasurable thing and that fetches manifold blessings. Hallelujah!

I think the further explanation of serving the Lord with gladness is found in Hebrews chapter 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross...." You see, serving the Lord with this kind of joy in our hearts will surely give us enough strength to endure any kind of situation which comes across our way. Because Bible says that, "...for the joy of the LORD is your (My) strength." (Nehemiah 8:10).

My 45 years of Christian service I have seen how some people serve the Lord with murmuring and grumbling and as if they carry great burden on their heads, and it seems they are in the race or in the competition with each others.

I believe from the depth of my heart that serving the Lord is a worship! Even giving to God-led local or foreign ministries, is a worship to the Lord and we need to give whole heartedly, full and pressed and above and of course with cheerful heart. Giving to the mission with such an attitude will be a great blessing and there will be great winning of souls, great harvest of souls, and establishment of local churches. And there will be non-stop rejoicing in heaven as well as on the earth! Hallelujah!

In these days the Lord is more specific in speaking to me as I meditate on His Word in my personal devotion time. As the persecution broke up right here in the remote villages, fanatics are on rise to disturb the work of the Lord even worship services on Sunday in different remote villages, the Lord seems to emphatically speak on "serving Him with gladness." Of course it is not easy but with Him it is not hard too.

May our good Lord bless your hearts as you meditate with me on this word to day! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily. Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, <u>Jesus is Lord,</u> and take with you <u>the Word of God and Faith,</u> excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

