

“Making Adjustments”

Psalm 100

Intro:

We constantly make adjustments in life. Follow a recipe, then add a little more seasoning. Chiropractor for physical adjustments. Counselor for emotional adjustments. You get in your car and adjust the seat. Batters adjust their stances based on the pitching. Beauty shop to have your hair fixed, then as you look in the mirror you make adjustments. Before you begin to work at your desk you move things around. You use glasses to adjust your sight, sunglasses to adjust for the brightness. We have TV remotes to adjust volume and channel. Adjust the windage or elevation on your scope so you hit where you aim. Adjust our diets, hair color, and schedules..... Have you ever thought about a spiritual adjustment?

Do you need a spiritual adjustment?

Do you feel an obligation instead of anticipation?

Do you come to worship with the goal of just trying to make it through with out falling asleep?

I got to instead of I get to?

Are you stuck in a spiritual rut? Forward movement, but no joy.

Spiritual apathy? No internal spiritual motivation or drive?

Did you come today to make the wrong person happy? (self/someone else??? Or GOD?)

Do you come to church and leave exactly the same? Unchanged. Wasted time.

Adjust how you serve. (Ps. 100:1-2, 4)

¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! (Joy in the Lord- Ps 5:11, 9:2, 16:9, 32:11,)

² Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

Serve- serve/work/toil/till (Qal Imperative 2p,)

Gladness- jubilation, festive,

Examples to understand “gladness”

Wise son (proud parent)- Prov 15:20, 10:1, 27:11

“A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother.” (Prv 15:20)

Weddings-

“Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride...” (Jeremiah 25:10, NKJV)

Kind word-

*“Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression,
But a good word makes it glad.” (Proverbs 12:25)*

Meeting loved one- Exodus 4:14

*“... “Is not Aaron the Levite your brother?... And look, he is also coming out to meet you.
When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.” (Exodus 4:14)*

“Presence” literally is face,

Gladly serve God.

How do we become glad in our service/worship??

Thankfulness changes the heart (to joy, gladness, praise, blessing)!

Begin by just thanking God for all He has done.

Adjust who you serve. (Psalm 100:3)

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.

Why serve the Lord with gladness?

HE is GOD! WE are NOT

He made us for Himself, NOT for ourself. (Yet we naturally serve/work for ourself)

Only one God-

*"To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God;
there is none other besides Him."* (Dt. 4:35)

Do not serve the created instead of the creator.

*"who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature
rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."* (Romans 1:25, NKJV)

Turn from self and serve God.

How?

Pray and ask God to help remind you of who you are living for.
Continuously ask what God prefers and wants.

Adjust why you serve. (Psalm 100:5)

⁵ For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

Thankful because God is:

Good-

"Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way." (Psalm 25:8, NKJV)

"You are good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes." (Psalm 119:68, NKJV)

Eternal mercy-

*"For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon
You."* (Psalm 86:5, NKJV)

Enduring truth-

"But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King.

At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation."
(Jeremiah 10:10)

*"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have
sent."* (John 17:3, NKJV)

*"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through
Me."* (John 14:6, NKJV)

Trust God's goodness and gladly serve Him.