

Serve the LORD with Gladness I

"Our eyes are on You"

Psalm 100:1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. ² **Serve the LORD with gladness:** come before his presence with singing. ³ **Know** ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath 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 unto him, and bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

I

Serve the Lord with gladness!

To serve is h5647. עָבַד 'âbâd; a primitive root; to work (in any sense); by implication, to serve, till, (causatively) enslave, etc.: — x be, keep in bondage, be bondmen, bond-service, compel, do, dress, ear, execute, + husbandman, keep, labour(-ing man, bring to pass, (cause to, make to) serve(-ing, self), (be, become) servant(-s), do (use) service, till(-er), transgress (from margin), (set a) work, be wrought, worshipper, AV (290) - serve 227, do 15, till 9, servant 5, work 5, worshippers 5, service 4, dress 2, labour 2, ear 2, misc 14; to work, serve (Qal) to labour, work, do work, to work...

Strong Exhaustive Concordance

To *serve* means *to* discharge a duty or function, such as to serve on a jury.

To serve means to **work**, labor, and do.

To serve means to help, as to wait on a table.

As servants of God, we work with the Lord, for the Lord, and through the Lord's strength.

As servants of God, we serve with gladness, a **vailability**, and voluntarily.

As servants of God, we serve because we love Him for what He has done for us.

Our service is a **reasonable** response to His great grace.

Three reasons "I serve" verse 5: "For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

God could do everything by Himself; however, He lets me help, participate, and assist in what He's doing on earth.

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II

The eyes of the servant are **watching** the master.

KJV Psalm 123:1 Unto thee lift I up **mine eyes**, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. ² Behold, as **the eyes of servants** look unto the **hand** of their masters, and as **the eyes of a maiden** unto the **hand** of her mistress;

so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

An ancient banquet had many components.

Food preparation, management, presentation, and service were some parts of the banquet!

This year, recognize all service has merit.

Service is m*inistry*.

Service is a*ction*, not talk.

The place of service is the "great place" in our kingdom!

The eyes of the servants are on the master. Vs 2

Our eyes are on You, Lord, in 2024!

III

Five words for 2024 servants:

"Watch what I do Next!"

"Watch what I do next" in your...

Life

Marriage

Family

Finances

Business

Ministry

Church

City

Nation

World

" Watch what I do next."

Bishop La Fayette Scales

Rhema Christian Center

Saturday & Sunday, December 30th & 31st, 2023

9:30 am