



## SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! (Psalm 100:2)
- For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:5)
- Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

### READ VERSES 1-2 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. The psalmist commands us to serve the LORD with gladness. Why must we be glad when serving the LORD? Is it not enough to simply obey the LORD's commands, or must we also be happy about it?
2. The write also urges us to sing to the LORD as a form of worship to Him. What is the significance of singing praises to God?

### READ VERSE 3 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

3. The psalm now moves from commands of action to statements of knowledge. Why is knowing God and knowing that we are His people crucial for worshiping God biblically? How does a knowledge of God lead to worship of God?

### READ VERSE 4 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

4. Here the psalm demands that we come before God in worship with thanksgiving. Why is gratitude a crucial component of worship? How does thankfulness relate to praise? Why are we called to always be thankful?

### READ VERSE 5 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

5. The psalmist ends by declaring the goodness, steadfast love, and faithfulness of God. How have you seen God's goodness, love, and faithfulness in your life recently?

## ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Consider the faithfulness of God toward you. Write a list of blessings that God has placed in your life, and pray thankfully to God for His grace to you.
- Consider how you serve the LORD. Do you serve out of obligation or with gladness? Pray to the LORD for grace to serve Him with joy.

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Delight in divine service is a token of acceptance. Those who worship God with a sad countenance, because they do what is unpleasant to them, aren't worshipping Him at all; they bring the form of homage, but the life is absent. Our God requires no slave to grace His throne. His is the Lord of the empire of love and would have His servants dressed in the livery of joy. The angels of God worship Him with songs, not with groans; a murmur or a sigh would be a mutiny in their ranks. That obedience which isn't voluntary is disobedience, for the Lord looks at the heart, and if He sees that we worship Him from force, and not because we love Him, He will reject our offering. Worship coupled with cheerfulness is heart worship, and therefore true. Take away joyful willingness from the Christian, and you have removed the test of his sincerity.

Charles Spurgeon

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