

No. 78 Serve Jehovah With a Joyful Heart

PLEASE NOTE: This talk is a verse-by-verse discussion of Psalm 100. Help newly interested ones to understand that drawing close to Jehovah will bring them true joy. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

JEHOVAH AND HIS WORSHIPPERS ARE JOYFUL (4 min.)

Is it possible to have joy despite life's problems?

Jehovah is "the happy God," and he helps those who worship him to be joyful (1Ti 1:11)

Jesus and the angels are joyful (Job 38:7; Pr 8:30, 31)

People in "all the earth" now "serve Jehovah with rejoicing" [Read Psalm 100:1, 2]

If you develop a close relationship with him, you will find many reasons for joy

WHY DOES SERVING JEHOVAH BRING US JOY? (8 min.)

We were created to worship God, so we naturally find joy when we put his worship first in our life (Ps 112:1; Ec 12:13)

Serving Jehovah is, not burdensome, but refreshing and invigorating

Jehovah gives his servants holy spirit, which helps them to have true joy (Ga 5:22; 1Th 1:6; w18.02 28 ¶5)

The joy that comes from serving God does not depend on our circumstances

Although we may have problems in life, we can still be joyful (w18.02 28 ¶4)

[Relate an experience of a person who maintained joy despite trials. For example, see *The Watchtower*, February 2018, page 29, paragraph 3]

JEHOVAH'S LOVING CARE BRINGS US JOY (7 min.)

We are joyful in knowing that Jehovah will always care for us [Read Psalm 100:3]

Jehovah has generously provided all things that are needed to make life enjoyable

He has given us well-designed bodies, beautiful colors, delicious food, and so much more

Jehovah, a kind Shepherd, deeply cares about "the sheep of his pasture" [Image 1]

He leads, protects, and spiritually feeds his worshippers (Ps 23:1-6)

God helps us to deal with our problems and anxieties (Ps 34:6-8; 94:17-19)

He provides comfort and help through his written Word (Ro 15:4)

FIND JOY IN PRAISING AND THANKING GOD (7 min.)

Jehovah's love for us moves us to praise and thank him [Read Psalm 100:4]

Psalm 100 is "a melody of thanksgiving" (Ps 100, superscription)

You can praise Jehovah by regularly assembling with others at meetings like this one

Singing praises to God gives us joy, motivation, and encouragement (Eph 5:19) [Image 2]

"Praise [Jehovah's] name" by speaking to others about him and his qualities (Heb 13:15) [Image 3]

Do not lose your joy if some do not respond positively

Show your appreciation for all that Jehovah has done for you by applying his loving direction (Lu 11:28)

YOU CAN SERVE JEHOVAH WITH JOY FOREVER (4 min.)

Jehovah has already done many good things for us, and he will do more in the future [Read Psalm 100:5]

To remain joyful, focus on the good things that Jehovah is doing now and look ahead to greater blessings in the future

Jehovah's "loyal love endures forever"

He never disappoints his faithful servants

By means of his Kingdom, he will remove all problems that cause us distress today (Re 21:4, 5)

Stay close to him, and you can serve him with joy forever

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Reminders for Those Assigned Public Talks* (S-141)]

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