

**Joyful Service (Deuteronomy 28:45-48)**

**Introduction**

- Do all Christians always find serving the Lord to be a joyful thing?
- What do we learn from Deuteronomy 28:1-14?
- What do we learn from Deuteronomy 28:15-68?
- What does the Lord rebuke in Deuteronomy 28:45-48?
- What, then, does he want us to be?
- What are the four main reasons why our Christian service tends not to be as joyful as it should be?
  - (i)
  - (ii)
  - (iii)
  - (iv)
- Can you identify with any – or all! – of those?

**i Serve joyfully by loving the Lord**

- Which passage teaches this?
- What will we do and want to do if we truly love the Lord?
- Which psalm proclaims David's love for the Lord?
- Which Christians tend to serve the Lord best?

## **ii Serve joyfully by learning from Christ's example**

- Which passage teaches this?
- What is the significance of the word “even” in that verse?
- To what extent was Christ willing to serve?
- What does our Lord want us to learn from this?
- What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?

## **iii Serve joyfully by using the gifts the Holy Spirit gives you**

- Which passage teaches this?
- Who decides what areas of service we should be involved in?
- What is likely to be the case if you are in the wrong area of service?
- What should you do if you do not know where your gifts lie?

## **iv Serve joyfully because you have the best master**

- Which passage teaches this?
- What does the word “yoke” mean there?
- But what does Jesus promise to those who take his yoke upon themselves?
- What does this show about our Lord?

## **Conclusion**

- Are you a joyful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ?