

*Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.*

Psalm 2:11

**T**his verse may appear strange at first glance. We are admonished to serve the Lord with fear. Should it not rather be without fear that we should serve Him? We are to rejoice with trembling. What kind of joy is that?

There is a kind of fear which is not slavish fear. Obedient children fear their parents with a childlike fear; they do not fear the punishment which the parents may mete out for disobedience, but they love their parents to the point of fearing that they may displease loving parents. We may tremble at the thought of being in the presence of a living God; but at the same time we are glad to be with Him and rejoice in His presence.

We know further that as we live our lives in the service of God, we are influencing others for or against Christ. There is a great responsibility placed on our shoulders. We might be tempted to live carelessly and more or less please ourselves; but then the truth dawns upon us that we are being watched by other people. Now we must walk carefully and circumspectly. We serve the Lord with fear. Yet in spite of these fears, we can be happy.

The Lord has promised to be with us wherever we are, and as long as we are upon earth. Leaning upon Him, we move along life's path with courage and confidence.

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