

Prayer Study #110

Sources of Joy

The joy of the Lord is my strength.

Nehemiah 8:9-10

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra, the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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Giving willing to the Lord's Word: 1st Chronicles 29:6-9

Then the heads of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, and gave for the service of the house of God, of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver, ten thousand talents and of bronze, eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel, the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced; for they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD, and David, the king, also rejoiced with great joy.

Overcoming enemies: 2nd Chronicles 20:27

Then they returned every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies.

Trusting Him and Loving His Name: Psalm 5:11

But let all those who put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; Let those also who love thy name be joyful in thee.

Being in His Presence: Psalm 16:11

Thou wilt show me the path of life. In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Receiving deliverance and healing: The Acts 8:6-8

And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did; for unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them; and many taken with palsies and that were lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

Walking in righteousness: Psalm 32:11

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous, and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Receiving salvation: 1st Peter 1:8

Whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Being in Zion: Isaiah 51:3

For the LORD shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places, and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

Remembering what the Lord has done: Psalm 126:1-3

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the nations, The LORD has done great things for them; The LORD hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

Bringing peace: Proverbs 12:20

Deceit is in the heart of those who imagine evil, but to the counselors of peace is joy.

Having wise children: Proverbs 23:24

The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice, and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

Seeing the Glory of the Lord: Isaiah 35:2

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God.

Being ministers of God: Isaiah 61:6-7

But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD; men shall call you the Ministers of our god; ye shall eat the riches of the nations and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For you shame ye shall have double and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion; therefore, in their land they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be unto them.

Receiving the Word of God: Jeremiah 15:16

Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of host.

Bring the Sacrifice of Praise into the House of the LORD: Jeremiah 33:11

The voice of joy and the voice of gladness; the voice of the bridegroom, and voice of the bride, the voice of them who shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts; for the LORD is good: for His mercy endureth forever; and of those who shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord.

Fasting: Zechariah 8:19

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, "The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness...."

Being faithful to the Lord and using our talents for Him: Matthew 25:21

His lord said unto him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make you ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of the lord."

Recognizing the Resurrection: Matthew 28:8

And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy and did run to bring his disciples word.

Being persecuted for Jesus: Luke 6:22-23

Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day and leap for joy; for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Smashing the works of Satan in His Name: Luke 10:17

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us through thy name.

Seeing a sinner repent and accept Christ: Acts 10:17

And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles, and they caused great joy unto the brethren.

Worshipping Him: Luke 24:52

And they worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

Hearing the Bridegroom's voice: John 3:29

He that hath the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice....

Keeping the Lord's commandments & abiding in the vine: John 15:10-11

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Asking and receiving in His Name: John 16:24

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full.

Seeing miracles: Acts 8:7-8

For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them; and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit: Acts 13:52

And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Bearing the fruit of the Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control, against such there is no law.

Walking in faith: Philippians 1:25

And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith.

Loving one another and walking in unity: Philippians 2:2

Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Having relationship with dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Christ: Philippians 4:1

Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

Seeing those you have disciples in the presence of Jesus at His coming: 1st Thessalonians 2:19-20

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy.

Reunion with those you love in the faith: 2nd Timothy 1:4

Greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy.

Receiving love from others: Philemon 7

For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints are refreshed by you, brother.

Knowing our destination: Hebrews 12:2

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame & is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Having your faith tested: James 1:2

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into various trials...

Being partakers of Christ's suffering: 1st Peter 4:13

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering, that when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Having fellowship with the Father and His Son: 1st John 1:3-4

...And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

Hearing that our spiritual children walk in truth: 3rd John 4

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Being presented faultless before the presence of His Glory: Jude 24

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

Knowing the grace of God in trials of affliction: 2nd Corinthians 8:1-2

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you, the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia, how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abound unto the riches of their liberality.

PUTTING JESUS FIRST, OTHERS SECOND, YOURSELF LAST.