

# Joy

*But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. Psalm 5:11*

-Being on God's side and knowing that it is He who defends you brings joy.

*Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Psalm 16:11*

-On the reverse side, apart from God's presence there is no joy.

*And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD. Psalm 27:6*

-When we are joyful in God and giving Him thanks, He sees it as sacrifice on our part to Him.

*It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity. Proverbs 21:15*

-If a Christian is not practicing just judgment, they will not be happy.

*For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12*

-Israel will know true joy when they are in fellowship with God. This principle holds true for all.

*Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with 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. Acts 8:5-8*

-A proper response to the gospel and message of God brings true joy.

*For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17*

-Joy is a major part of God's kingdom and therefore it is indispensable to the Christian life.

*That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 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: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. I Peter 1:7-9*

-Salvation brings joy. A person without joy should examine their standing and sanctification.

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. III John 4*

-A Spirit-filled Christian finds true joy in the things that matter.