

## The Joy Only God Can Bring Pt.1

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Psalm 16:11 ESV

You make known to me the path of life; **in your presence there is fullness of joy**; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- *The world can't give it. The world can't take it.*
- *Absolutely independent of circumstances.*
- *Far surpasses the worst of circumstances.*

### JOY IN GOD'S COMPANIONSHIP

Jeremiah 31:3 ESV

3 I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Hosea 11:4 ESV

4 I led them with CORDS OF KINDNESS, with the bands (*cord, rope, chain*) of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.

Revelation 21:2-3 ESV

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

**Throughout the Bible, God desires a continual companionship with His people.**

John 15:4 ESV

"Abide in me, and I in you."

Ephesians 5:27 ESV

"...so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."

1 Thessalonians 5:16 ESV

16 Rejoice always,

17 pray without ceasing,

18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Jude 1:20-21 ESV

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

- *Having God as your Companion through life, the Lover of your soul, is one of many relationships we have with the Lord.*
- *There are two ways to approach any relationship: who they are or what they can do for me.*
- *If you approach God for your own selfish ambition of how He can benefit you, you will be blind to the overwhelming joy and all-consuming pleasure of Who He is.*
- *Is your relationship with God centered upon Who He is, or what you think He can and should do for you?*
- *We are blind to Who He is by what we want in this life. How many marriages fail because one spouse doesn't love the other for who they are, but for what they can do for them.*

Psalm 4:7 ESV

7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

1 Chronicles 16:27 ESV

27 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

1 Peter 1:8 ESV

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.

Psalm 43:3-5 ESV

3 Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 ESV

17 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,

18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

19 GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

Colossians 1:11 ESV

11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy...

Galatians 5:22 ESV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Philippians 4:4 ESV

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.