

# Seeking Joy in Worship

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Psalm 100

*Psalm 34:8, "taste and see that the Lord is good"*

*Psalm 16:11, "...in your presence is fullness of joy, at your right hand are pleasures forever more."*

*"it is the Christian's duty for everyone to be as happy as he can." —C.S. Lewis*

*Psalm 43:4, "...To God my exceeding joy."*

*Psalm 32:11, "Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"*

*John 15:11, "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."*

*Matthew 25:23, "...Enter into the joy of your lord."*

*Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"*

*"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory." (Revelation 19:7)*

*1 Peter 1:8, "whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory."*

## **1.) All our Worship Should Be Corporate Rejoicing**

Read Psalm 100:1-2

*Psalm 95:1-2, "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms."*

*"Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me." (Isaiah 29:13)*

*"Worship is our innermost being responding with praise for all that God is, through out attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words based on the truth of God as he has revealed himself."—John MacArthur*

*"To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." — William Temple*

## **2.) All Are Commanded To Rejoice in God.**

Read Psalm 100:1-2

*"Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God." Psalm 43:5*

*Psalm 13:1, "How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever?"*

*"My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. 6 I will sing to the Lord, Because He has dealt bountifully with me." (Psalm 13:5-6)*

## **3.) All our Worship, Growth, and Service to the Lord Should Be Joyful**

*Nehemiah 8:10, "...Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength"*

## **4.) All of our Joy Is To Be Found Chiefly in God Himself**

Read Psalm 100:3

Read Psalm 100:5

*Psalm 73:25, "Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You."*

*"Hence we may learn, that whatever changes a godly man passes through, he is happy; because God, who is unchangeable, is his chosen portion. Though he meet with temporal losses, and be deprived of many, yea, of all his temporal enjoyments; yet God, whom he prefers before all, still remains, and cannot be lost. While he stays in this changeable, troublesome world, he is happy; because his chosen portion, on which he builds as his main foundation for happiness, is above the world, and above all changes. And when he goes into another world, still he is happy, because that portion yet remains...But how great is the happiness of those who have chosen the Fountain of all good, who*

*prefer him before all things in heaven or on earth, and who can never be deprived of him to all eternity!" —Johnathan Edwards*

## **Application Questions:**

**Question 1- What is Our Main Hindrance to Joy in the Lord?**

**Answer 1- Sin which draws our hearts away.**

*"...Restore to me the joy of Your salvation." (Psalm 51:12)*

**Question 2- What if I Don't Feel Like Rejoicing, Should I Just Stay Home?**

*"don't think that you can't come to worship God unless you are overflowing with joy and delight. You are to see this command to come before him and rejoice like you see all of his commands, something we desire and aspire to do more and more."—John Piper*

**Answer 2- Three Stages of Movement Toward Worship**

3.) We Feel, in God, Joy

*Psalm 63:5, "my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips,"*

2.) We Taste, But Do Not Feel, the Fullness of Joy.

1.) We Start With a Soul that is Barren.

*"Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind. 22 I was so foolish and ignorant;" Psalm 73:21-22*

*"whom have I in heaven but you? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. 26 My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." (Psalm 73:25-26)*

Read Psalm 100:5