

JOY in Worship

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Heaven's Armies. I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord. **With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God...How Happy are those who can live in your house, always singing your praises.** How happy are those whose strength comes from the Lord, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Zion...**A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be the doorkeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked... The Lord withhold no good thing from those who walk with integrity. O Lord of Heaven's Armies, what joy for those who trust in you!**

Jesus' Promise of "Overflowing," "Abundant," "Full Measure" of Joy

Joy-Filled Because God's Love is All-Sustaining

John 15:9-11

"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. **Remain in my love.** When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. **I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!**

Joy-Filled Because Our Suffering Will Transform to Joy

John 16:20-24

I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. **You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy.** It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, **her anguish gives way to joy** because she has brought a new baby into the world. **So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy...and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.**

Joy-Filled Because We Have Each Other on the Journey

John 17:11,13

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, **so that they may be one as we are one...** I say these things while I am still in the world, **so that they may have the full measure of my joy in (or among) themselves .**