



Rhythm OF WORSHIP

A W O R S H I P L E A D E R ' S

Weekly Devotional

Monday Oct. 12 - Sunday Oct.18, 2020

Joy

Thoughts

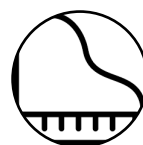
The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you..."

Luke 10:17-24

What is the difference between happiness and joy? It seems accurate to label happiness as something that can come and go. For example, yesterday I was happy that I had a day off of work and that the kids were fairly well behaved. Joy, however, seems more compatible with perpetual peace, contentment and gladness. This passage says the disciples "returned with joy" from a successful mission. Shortly after, it says Jesus, as He praised the Father, was "full of joy". But these two joys are different. The Greek words used are different words. Both of these kinds of joy are good. But one, namely the joy that Jesus had, means to exult or to rejoice exceedingly. I think a close English comparison is the difference between happiness and joy. I hope and pray we all experience both, but that our joy from God be unshakable and ever present.

Reflections

- * This week, I need to repent of...
- * What happened the last time I felt shaken to my core in an unstable way? Does it deal with a reoccurring topic or subject?
- * What in my life typically brings the awareness of joy?
- * Father, not only do I pray for true joy in my life, I pray You would give this joy to...



Prayer

KING OF GLORY, DIVINE MAJESTY

Every perfection adorns Your nature and sustains Your throne;
The heavens and earth are Yours, The world is Yours and its fullness.

Your power created the universe from nothing;
Your wisdom has managed all its multiple concerns,
presiding over nations, families, individuals.

Your goodness is boundless;
all creatures wait on You, are supplied by You, are satisfied in You.

How precious are the thoughts of Your mercy and grace!
How excellent Your lovingkindness that draws men to You!

Teach us to place our happiness in You, the blessed God,
never seeking life among the dead things of earth,
or asking for that which satisfies the deluded;

But may we prize the light of Your smile, implore the joy of Your salvation,
find our heaven in You.

You have attended to our happiness more than we can do;
Though we are fallen creatures You have not neglected us.

In love and pity You have provided us a Savior;

Apply his redemption to our hearts, by justifying our persons,
and sanctifying our natures.

We confess our transgressions, have mercy on us.
We are weary, give us rest, ignorant, make us wise unto salvation,
helpless, let Your strength be made perfect in our weakness,
poor and needy, bless us with Christ's unsearchable riches,
perplexed and tempted, let us travel on unchecked, undismayed,
knowing that You have said,

"I will never leave You nor forsake You."

Blessed be Your name!

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SONGS AND ART



“Father and Son” by Shai Yossef / Oil on Canvas

1. RISING SUN

"You shine forever"

2. GOOD GRACE

"Don't let your heart be troubled."

3. GRAVES INTO GARDENS

"I searched the world but it couldn't fill me."

4. GOD SO LOVED

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

5. MY HALLELUJAH

"Your cross has made a way."

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Psalm 16:5-11

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.