

## The Joy Of The Lord Sun Am 11/26/2017

### Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this day is holy* to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

### John 15:1-15 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

<sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

<sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

<sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

<sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

<sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

<sup>11</sup> “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

**<sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

**<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

**<sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.**

**<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.**

**John 15:17 (NKJV)**

**<sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that you love one another.**

**Psalm 30:5 (NKJV)**

**<sup>5</sup> For His anger *is but for* a moment, His favor *is for* life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy *comes* in the morning.**

**Joy Is Our Strength**

**Ephesians 3:14-21 (NKJV)**

**<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**<sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**

**<sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,**

**<sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,**

**<sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—**

**<sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

**<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,**

**<sup>21</sup> to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Colossians 1:6-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

<sup>7</sup> as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

<sup>8</sup> who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

<sup>10</sup> that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

<sup>11</sup> strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;

**Psalm 105:42-45 (NKJV)**

<sup>42</sup> For He remembered His holy promise, *And Abraham His servant.*

<sup>43</sup> He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness.

<sup>44</sup> He gave them the lands of the Gentiles, *And they inherited the labor of the nations,*

<sup>45</sup> That they might observe His statutes *And keep His laws.*

**Praise the LORD!**

**Romans 14:17 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 15:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Joy Is a Spiritual Force**

**Romans 15:13 (NKJV)**

**<sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Philippians 1:4 (NKJV)**

**<sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,**

**Giving Increases Joy**

**Philippians 4:17 (NKJV)**

**<sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-10 (NKJV)**

**<sup>6</sup> But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.**

**<sup>7</sup> *So let each one give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.**

**<sup>8</sup> And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.**

**<sup>9</sup> As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”**

**<sup>10</sup> Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness,**

**Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)**

**<sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## **Joy Comes**

**John 3:16 (NKJV)**

**<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

**John 16:23-24 (NKJV)**

**<sup>23</sup> “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.**

**<sup>24</sup> Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.**

**Proverbs 15:23 (NKJV)**

**<sup>23</sup> A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is!***

**Psalms 27:6 (NKJV)**

**<sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.**