**The Joy Of The Lord Wed 2/26/20**

**Nehemiah 8:10 (NKJV)**

**10Then 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 15:1-10 (NKJV)

**15 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.**

**2Every 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.**

**3You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.**

**4Abide 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.**

**5“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.**

**6If 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.**

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

**8By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

**9“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.**

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

 ***If You want to have joy, you need to abide in Jesus.***

# Psalm 30:5 (NKJV)

**5For 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***

# Colossians 1:6-11 (NKJV)

**6which 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;**

**7as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.**

**9For 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;**

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

**11strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;**

# Psalm 105:43 (NKJV)

**43He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with gladness.**

# Romans 14:17 (NKJV)

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

# Romans 15:13 (NKJV)

# 13Now 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

# Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)

**22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,**

**23gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.**

# Philippians 1:3-4 (NKJV)

**3I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,**

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

 **Giving Increases Joy**

# Philippians 4:17 (NKJV)

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

# 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 (NKJV)

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

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

**8And 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.**

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

**10Now 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)

**2looking 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.**

 **With Joy Not Grief**

# Hebrews 13:17 (NKJV)

**17Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.**

# Proverbs 15:13 (NKJV)

**13A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.**

# Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV)

**22A merry heart does good, *like* medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.**

# Isaiah 53:4 (NKJV)

**4Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.**

# Proverbs 12:25 (NKJV)

**25Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.**

# Proverbs 15:15 (NKJV)

**15All the days of the afflicted *are* evil, But he who is of a merry heart *has* a continual feast.**

 **Joy Comes**

# Psalm 27:6 (NKJV)

**6And 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.**