

Joy and Rejoicing

1. a) Read Luke 2:10-21
What are the tidings of great joy? Have they really brought great joy to our hearts?
Read Acts 8:28-40 and see how the Ethiopian's joy came.
b) Read Luke 15
See what else heaven rejoices in. Is it not an encouragement to get right with God?
The angels always express God's reaction.

2. Read Luke 10:21 and see what caused Jesus to rejoice in His spirit. (The word "rejoice" literally means to jump up and turn around.)
Is that what His joy does in you?

3. Read John 16:13-24.
What were they to ask for to make their joy full?
Read Galatians 5:22 and Romans 14:17 to confirm it.

4. Read John 17:13.
Whose joy is to be fulfilled in us? When did He get this joy?
Read Hebrews 1:8-9 and Hebrews 12:2 to confirm it.
Read 1 Corinthians 13:6 and compare with Hebrews 1:8-9.
If we have true love for God what will we rejoice in?
If we do, will God also anoint us with the oil of gladness?

5. Read Nehemiah 8:10, Acts 5:41, 1 Peter 1:5-9, James 1:2-4.
See how joy was a help to them. Can it be to us? Whose joy is it?
When should we rejoice? Philippians 4:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:16
What is the basis for our joy at all times?
Read Romans 5:8-10, Luke 10:17-20
Does it depend on circumstances?

6. Read Psalm 27:4-6, Psalm 43, Psalm 42:4
a) Where was the place that David offered his sacrifices of joy? In Psalm 27 the word joy could be translated as shouting. Remember how we learnt to enter the holiest by the blood of Jesus a few weeks ago? It is important for that is where we express our joy before the Lord.
b) Who was David's joy?
c) Did his joy come because of the one thing he desired?
d) Can we stay silent if we have joy in our hearts