

Living in the Much More of Joy!

“Joy is the settled conviction that God sovereignly controls the events of life for the believers’ good and His glory.” (John MacArthur)

Introduction:

There are four areas where we find the living in the much more of joy working through God’s sovereignty. They are:

1. The much more of joy:
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The Much More of Joy in Our Salvation

Psalm 21:1, “The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!”

1. Living in the much more of joy recognizes:

Psalm 32:11, “Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!”

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Psalm 51:12, “Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.”

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Psalm 132:16, “I will also clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.”

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Luke 15:7, 10, & 32, “I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance...Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents...’It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”

1. Living in the much more of joy celebrates:

John 15:11, ““These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”

1. Living in the much more of joy listens:

Acts 15:3, "So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren."

1. Living in the much more of joy describes:

The Much More of Joy in Our Serving

Psalm 100:2, "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing."

1. Living in the much more of joy produces:

Matthew 25:21, "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"

1. Living in the much more of joy will:

Romans 15:32, "...that I may come to you with joy by the will of God..."

1. Living in the much more of joy finds:

2 Corinthians 1:24, "...Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand."

1. Living in the much more of joy never wants:

Philippians 2:17, "Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all."

1. Living in the much more of joy understands:

Hebrews 13:17, "Obey 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."

1. Living in the much more of joy empowers:

The Much More of Joy in Our Trials

Hebrews 12:2, "...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."

1. Living in the much more of joy looks to Jesus:

James 1:2, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials..."

1. Living in the much more of joy helps:

1 Peter 4:13, "...but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."

1. Living in the much more of joy sees:

The Much More of Joy in Our Sorrows

Psalm 30:5, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."

1. Living in the much more of joy rests:

Psalm 126:5, "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy."

1. Living in the much more of joy helps:

Nehemiah 8:10, "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.'"

1. Living in the much more of joy encourages:

John 16:20-22, "Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."

1. Living in the much more of joy reminds us:

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Conclusion: