

A Joyful God

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When does God rejoice?	Why does He rejoice?	How should this affect us?
"For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, '...do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength (Neh.8:9-10)."	God rejoices over repentance.	Rejoice in worship because we are forgiven.
"Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place (1Chr.16:27)."	God is joyous.	Rejoice that God is joyful.
"May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works (Ps.104:31)."	God rejoices in his works.	Rejoice in what he has done.
"You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and you land Married; for the LORD delights in you...and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you (Isa.62:4-5)."	God rejoices over his people.	Rejoice with his people.
"I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people...(Isa.65:19)."	God rejoices over his people.	Rejoice <i>in</i> his people.
"I will make with them an everlasting covenant...I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and soul (Jer.32:40-41)."	God rejoices in doing good to his people.	Rejoice in his goodness.
"The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing (Zeph.3:17)."	God rejoices in delivering his people.	Rejoice in his salvation.
"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your master (Matt.25:21,23)."	God is joyous.	Anticipate his joy in heaven.
"In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven...(Lk.10:21)."	Jesus rejoiced in the will of God.	Rejoice in the will of God.
"Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance (Lk.15:7)."	The Father rejoices over repentance.	Rejoice in being forgiven.
"' Rejoice with me for I have found the coin that I had lost. Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents (Lk.15:10)."	The Father rejoices over repentance.	Seek out the lost and rejoice when they are found.
"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love...These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full (Jn.15:11)."	Jesus ministered to others for their joy.	Seek the joy of others by serving them in love.
"But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves (Jn.17:13)."	Jesus spoke his words for our joy.	Abide in his word that our joy may be full.
"...for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit...(1Thess.1:6)."	The Holy Spirit is joyful.	Rejoice in affliction.
"...looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb.12:2)."	Jesus reigns joyfully in heaven.	Look to Jesus who suffered and now reigns joyfully.