

WOC INTERNATIONAL

7th Anniversary Service - Oct 9, 2020

Review - What did we learn about Joy at the conclusion of the Sukkot festival?

Differences between spiritual joy and happiness center on location, focus and origin

Location - Spiritual joy resides in the spirit and is the fruit of Someone great (the Spirit)

Happiness resides in the soul and is a reaction to something great (Meg Bucher)

Focus - Is always on God's person and/or administrations (e.g. ordinances, promises, etc.)

Origin - Joy is a spiritual fruit that supernaturally empowers us to say in the worst of times

Spiritual joy births the courage, outlook, & contentment to be fruitful in your Kingdom walk

Hab 3:17-18 "For even if the fig tree doesn't blossom, and no fruit is on the vines, even if the olive tree fails to produce, and the fields yield no food at all, even if the sheep vanish from the sheep pen, and there are no cows in the stalls; 18 still, I will rejoice in Adonai, I will take joy in the God of my salvation." CJB

Joy births a courage that views spiritual discipline as essential spiritual _____

Joy births an outlook that considers obedience to divine command _____

Joy births a contentment that lets patience be the fulfiller of divine _____

Mistake - Believing spiritual joy is an emotion like happiness

This makes you deny certain feelings, stoically endure trials, or ignore your pain

We can be joyful on one hand & yet be sad or depressed on the other hand at times

We learned our triune God enacted a Plan of Salvation long in advance of our triune creation

Everything done on earth manifests the Father's omniscience

Everything the Son did to remove sin and re-clothe us reveals His omnipotence

Everything the Spirit did to sacrifice Himself to be our Comforter reveals His benevolence

We learned that we are the undeserved recipients of the Godhead's Plan of Salvation ...

Even though Yeshua our kinsman Redeemer delivered us from sin's _____

We await the day when He will deliver us from sin's reality

Even though our earthly processing includes enduring difficult (albeit temporary) _____

We thank the Father for working our post-salvation sinful acts towards our eternal good

Even though our earthly journey as His servants includes some horrible _____

We know the Script - As our Master suffered, so will we (suffering precedes glory)

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Lesson

We rejoice today in the "assurances" of the benefits of the Godhead's Plan of Salvation

The Plan assures us of eternity's benefit - We can't imagine it, but it's better than here

1 Cor 2:9-10 "But, as the Tanakh says, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard and no one's heart has imagined all the things that God has prepared for those who love him." 10 It is to us, however, that God has revealed these things. How? Through the Spirit. For the Spirit probes all things, even the profoundest depths of God." CJB

The Plan assures us of Scripture's benefit - Its truths take us into another dimension

Ps 138:2 "I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your grace and truth; for you have made your word [even] greater than the whole of your reputation." CJB

The Plan assures us of prayer's benefit - Get answers when we bend our will to His

Ps 66:18-19 "Had I cherished evil thoughts, Adonai would not have listened. 19 But in fact, God did listen; he paid attention to my prayer." CJB

The Plan assures us of a Community's benefit - Cover us so that we are never alone (x slide)

1 Thess 3:9-10 "Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you or express to our God all the joy we feel because of you? 10 Night and day we pray as hard as we can that we will be able to see you face to face and supply whatever shortcomings there may be in your trust." CJB

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Conclusion - What should I take home from today's instruction?

I truly praise my God for His eternal plan of salvation and its assurances, now ...

I no longer _____ trials through carnal eyes - I see them via the lens of Scripture

And won't yield to a soul unhappiness when discouragement and disappointment hit me

Isa 41:10 "Don't be afraid, for I am with you; don't be distressed, for I am your God. I give you strength, I give you help, I support you with my victorious right hand." CJB

I no longer see praise as just singing songs or listening to songs _____ - Because I see

It's no accident the longest book in Scripture is actually a hymn book, which is why ...

Yeshua & the disciples sang Psalms 118 as they went out to Gethsemane (Matt. 26:30)

And Shaul and Silas sang while they were in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:25)

Fact - The Father doesn't need to command me to do anything I already feel like doing

My blessing comes when I do what I don't feel like doing that He commanded me to do

Eph 5:19-20 "sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to each other; sing to the Lord and make music in your heart to him; 20 always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah." CJB

I am no longer like those who always have to modify things or _____ on their own terms

It's no accident many believers lacking joy are not actively involved in serving Yeshua

I want to be like Shaul, who died joyfully knowing he lived for the Gospel

Phil 1:12-14 "Now, brothers, I want you to know that what has happened to me has helped in advancing the Good News. 13 It has become clear to the whole palace and to everyone else that it is because of the Messiah that I am in chains. 14 Also, my being in prison has given most of the brothers in the Lord confidence, so that they have become much more bold in speaking the word of God fearlessly." CJB

I praise my God that the Plan of Salvation provides for my _____, which is why now

I can take my eyes off of myself and serve the way the Father wants me to serve

Phil 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of rivalry or vanity; but, in humility, regard each other as better than yourselves – 4 look out for each other's interests and not just for your own." CJB

I can focus on Yeshua and do the things my Father has promised me in Him - I can ...

Meditate on His execution (all His riches are mine via His resurrection)

Revel in His abundant grace (it's greater than the totality of my transgressions)

Marvel at His sovereign grace (He chose me before the foundation of the world in Him)

I can trust Yeshua to keep me from stumbling, until I'm in His presence "blameless with joy"

Jude 24-25 "Now, to the one who can keep you from falling and set you without defect and full of joy in the presence of his Sh'khinah — 25 to God alone, our Deliverer, through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord — be glory, majesty, power and authority before all time, now and forever." CJB

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