

2. Joy Restores Those Who Are Dry And Broken

- Isaiah 51:3, NIV – (3) *The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her; thanksgiving and the sound of singing.*
- Deserts (our dry places) and wastelands (our desolate and broken places).

THE MIRACLE-ANSWERING POWER OF JOY

- Isaiah 56:6-7, NIV – (6) *“And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to serve him, to love the name of the LORD, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant – (7) these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”*

STEPS TO RELEASING JOY

1. Seek Revelation And Truth

- Psalm 43:2-4, NRSV – (2) ... *Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy? (3) O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. (4) Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you ...*

2. Embrace Joy Through Knowing Your God

- Romans 15:13, NIV – (13) *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

3. Speak What God Says Is True

- Proverbs 15:23, LITV – (23) *A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, and how good is a word in its season!*
- Habbakuk 3:17-18, NIV – (17) *Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, (18) yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF JOY

Part 2 – Joy Is The Key To Your Miracle

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REVIEW

- Nehemiah 8:10, NIV - ... *Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.*

1. Joy Is The Consequence Of Rejoicing

- Joy = chedvah (Hebrew) = the consequence of rejoicing

2. The Joy Of The Lord Is A Place Of Divine Protection, Defense, Safety And Refuge

- Strength = maoz (Hebrew) = a place or means of safety, protection, refuge and defense, a fortress or stronghold

3. Joy Protects Us From The Consequences Of The Law, Legalism, Depression, etc.

- Galatians 5:22, NIV – (22) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*
- Philippians 3:1; 4:4, NIV – (1) *Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord! ... it is a safeguard for you. ...*

4. The Joy Of The Lord Empowers Us To Receive From God

a) Love Of God – The Ability To Give

- 2 Corinthians 5:14, NIV – *“For Christ's love compels us ...”*
- John 3:16, NIV – *“For God so loved ... He gave ...”*

b) Joy Of God – The Ability To Receive

- Isaiah 12:3, NIV – (3) *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*
- Matthew 13:20, NIV – (20) *The one who received ... is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.*

5. Joy Attracts The Presence Of God

- Psalm 16:11, NIV – (11) ... *In your presence there is fullness of joy ...*
- 1 Peter 4:13-14, NIV – (13) *But rejoice ... so that you may be overjoyed ... (14) ... you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*

THE MIRACLE-WORKING POWER OF JOY

1. Receive Your Miracle Through Joy

- Psalm 118:24-25, NIV – (24) *This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (25) O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.*
- Save = yasha (Hebrew) = save or deliver
- Success = tsaleach (Hebrew) = advance, prosperity, success

2. Joy Releases God's Will Into Our Lives

- Proverbs 13:21, NASB – (21) *... the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity.*
- 3 John 1:2, NASB – (2) *Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.*

3. Two Miracles Require Double The Joy

- Psalm 118:24, NIV – “let us rejoice AND be glad”
- Rejoice = gil (Hebrew) = rejoice, be glad
- Be glad = samach (Hebrew) = rejoice, be glad

4. Miracles Require Spiritual Actions – Not Natural Actions

- Isaiah 55:8-12, NIV – (8) *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. (9) “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*

5. Joy Releases The Power Of God's Word

- Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV – (10) *As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, (11) so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*
- Matthew 13:20, NIV – (20) *The one who received the seed ... is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.*

THE MIRACLE-SUSTAINING POWER OF JOY

1. The Secret Of Jesus' Inner Strength

- Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV – (2) *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) *Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**
- Grow weary = kamno_ (Hebrew) = to become weary or sick
- Lose heart = ekluo_ psuche_ (Hebrew) = to loose heart, soul, breath, life

2. We All Have A Cross To Endure

- Matthew 16:24, NIV – (24) *Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”*
- Luke 14:27, NIV – (27) *And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.*

3. Joy Puts You Into A Place Of Authority

- Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV – (2) *... Jesus ... for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

THE MIRACLE-RESTORING POWER OF JOY

1. Joy Restores Those Who Are Mourning

- Isaiah 61:1-3, NIV – (1) *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners; (2) *To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, (3) to grant those who mourn{in Zion, giving them a garland [beauty] instead of ashes, the oil of gladness [rejoicing] instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.**
- Psalm 51:12, NIV – (12) *Restore to me the joy of your salvation*