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¹⁸ *"The sorrows for the appointed feasts I will remove from you; they are a burden and a reproach to you. ¹⁹ At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you; I will rescue the lame and gather those who have been scattered. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they were put to shame.*

Zephaniah 3:20 *At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes," says the LORD.*

Pictures of mutual joy

Zephaniah 3:14 **Sing**, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! **Be glad** and **rejoice** with **all your heart**, O Daughter of Jerusalem!

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Enjoy and Share the Love and Message of God with
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*Psalms 51:16 (RSV) For thou hast no **delight** in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering, thou wouldst not be **pleased**. ¹⁷ The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

*Jeremiah 9:23 (RSV) Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; ²⁴ but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practice steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth; for **in these things I delight**, says the LORD."*

Finding Joy in God

Psalms 27:4 (RSV) One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

Psalms 63:1 O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. ³ Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. ⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

Psalms 42:1 (RSV) As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Psalms 16:11 (RSV) Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fulness of joy, in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Trying to find joy in anything more than God

Romans 7:21 (RSV) So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me

captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members.

²⁴ *Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?*

²⁵ *Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I of myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.*

“The joy of the Lord is my strength...”

Nehemiah 8:10 Nehemiah said, "... Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Nehemiah 8:10 Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Finding the deepest joy in the gospel

*Zephaniah 3:14 **Sing**, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! **Be glad** and **rejoice** with **all your heart**, O Daughter of Jerusalem!*

¹⁵ *The LORD has **taken away your punishment**, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.*

¹⁶ *On that day they will say to Jerusalem, "Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.*
