

Rejoicing in Love

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Job 1:20-22 (NIV) – “At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised’. In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing”.

Job 2:9-10 (NIV) – His wife said to him, “Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!” He replied, “You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” In all this, Job did not sin in what he said”.

Job 1:1 & 5 (NIV) – “In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil” ... “When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, ‘Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts’. This was Job’s regular custom”.

Philippians 4:4 (NIV) – “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Zechariah 9:9 (NASB) – “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; he is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey”.

“Joy is not necessarily the absence of suffering; it is the presence of God” – **Sam Storms**

Luke 2:10 (NIV) – But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people”.

Luke 2:25-26 (NIV) – “Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah”.

Luke 2:27-32 (NIV) – Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel”.

“rejoice” = Greek *chairō*; “joy” = Greek *charan*; “grace” = Greek *charis* – English “charity”

Psalms 51:10-12 (NIV) – “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me”.

Psalms 30:4-5 (NASB) – “Sing praise to the Lord, you His godly ones, and give thanks to His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning”.