

The Purpose and Power of the Joy of God

Psalm 16

Seven divine, joyful blessings to rejoice in

Divine Protection (v. 1)

God is capable: 2 Timothy 1:12, 4:18 & Jude 24

God is desirous: John 10:28,29

Divine Righteousness (v. 2)

Two fold meaning

- No righteousness apart from God: Zechariah 3:1-5
- No Joy apart from God

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Divine Fellowship (v. 3)

2 Corinthians 3:1-3

Hebrews 6:9-12

Divine Warning (v. 4)

Bartered for another god = pay a dowry

Jeremiah 2:1-13

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Divine Blessing (v. 5,6)

2 Corinthians 3:1-3

Hebrews 6:9-12

Divine Counsel (v. 7)

1 Timothy 1:19 – Through our conscience

Proverbs 11:14 – Through wise friends and leaders

Psalms 1:2 – Through meditation on His Word

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Divine leading (v. 8)

His leading is done out of love (Exodus 15:13)

He leads us in the wilderness (Exodus 13:17-22)

He leads us into the promise land (Joshua 1:2)

These seven divine, joyful blessings lead to contentment

Heart is glad

Glory rejoices

Flesh is secure

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These divine blessings reveal the powerful promises to overcoming sin in our lives

He is faithful (v. 10)

- Philippians 1:6 – “For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus”
- Hebrews 13:5 – “Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

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He reveals the path of life (v. 11)

- Communion & fellowship with the Lord **IS** complete joy
 - “in your presence” Exodus 33:7-11
 - “Fullness of joy” = depth or degree of joy
 - Nehemiah 8:9-12
 - The joy of the Lord is ultimately reconciliation
 - Hebrews 12:2

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- Jesus Christ **IS** endless pleasure
 - “in your right hand” Romans 8:34
 - “Pleasures forever” = Intensity of pleasure
 - Matthew 3:17 – “and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”
 - Enjoying Jesus is exactly what we are supposed to do!