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Job 8:21; God will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of Joy.

THE JOY OF THE LORD
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Hello again my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's monthly Inspired Word of the Lord, for February 2016. This month's inspired message has to do with "The Joy of the Lord." Question? When I say the Joy of the Lord, what comes up in your mind? Well let's start out with the word joy. What does the word joy mean? The word joy means, an unbelievable feeling of delight, great pleasure and happiness. According to the Holy Bible, joy comes to those who are faithful to the Word of the Lord. **Psalm 89:15-16** tells us that; **Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the Light of Your Presence O Lord. They rejoice in Your name all day long; they exult in Your Righteousness.** Righteousness, justice, love, and faithfulness are the foundation of God's throne; they are central characteristics of the way God rules. They summarize His character. As God's ambassadors, we should exhibit the same traits when we deal with people. As Christians, we must make sure our actions flow out of righteousness, justice, love, and faithfulness; because any unfair, unloving, or dishonest action cannot come from God. Also, any unfair, unloving, or dishonest action destroys our chance to enjoy God's Joy. God tells us in **Psalm 97:11-12** that; **Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise His Holy Name.** People today worship all kinds of images and idols! Although God reveals Himself and love through nature and the Bible, there are many who decide to refuse, ignore or reject Him. Sad but true, they pursue goals they believe to be more important than God, How foolish!!

The Bible makes it crystal clear, that these people are idol worshipers because they give their highest loyalty to something other than God, who created everything! God tells us in His Holy Bible that, one day we will all stand before Him and all His Eternal Glory and Power. At that point, we will see all our so called goals and accomplishments for what they really are; nothing in God's Sight other than foolish, selfish earthly pursuits!

We can change this road to eternal disaster, by having a change of heart coupled with a sincere purpose to please God. Having a new sincere purpose to please God, will result in an alignment of your desires with God's desires.

You will love what God loves and hate what God hates. If you love the Lord, you will hate evil. If you do not despise the actions of people who take advantage of others, if you admire people who only look out for themselves, or if you envy those who get ahead using any means to accomplish their ends, then your primary desire in life is not to please God. Learn to love God's Ways and hate sin and evil in every form—not only the obvious sins, but also the socially accepted ones. In order to receive God's complete Joy, we must first follow God's way and not the way of this dark and evil world. Regardless whatever pain and suffering we have to go through in this fallen world, always rejoice in the Lord Christ Jesus. The Holy Bible tells us in **John 15:11** that; **I have told you this so that My Joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.** When things are going well, we feel elated. When hardship comes, we sink into depression. But true joy transcends the rolling wave of circumstances. Real joy comes from a consistent relationship with Jesus Christ. When our lives are intertwined with His, He will help us walk through adversity without sinking into debilitating lows and manage prosperity without moving into deceptive highs. The joy of living with Christ Jesus daily will help to keep us levelheaded no matter how high or low our circumstances may be! Where there is Joy for one another, there is Love for one another! Jesus tells us in **John 15: 12-13**; **My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that He lay down His life for His friends.** In order to enjoy the Lord's Joy, God commands us to first love each other as Jesus loved us. We may not have to die for someone, but there are other ways to practice sacrificial love: listening, helping, encouraging, giving and so on. Finally the Lord tells us in **1 Peter 1:8** that; **Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.** Though we have not seen Him face to face, to those who truly believe in Him, can feel His Holy Presence through His Holy Spirit. This in-turn gives us the faith to feel His Joy indwelling from within us. So my brothers and sisters in the Lord, God's Joy, can be such a beautiful experience for those who believe. However, it is so sad to see so many people turning their backs on Jesus, to pursue the devil's lies and deceptions! Let us pray; Abba Father we thank You, praise you, and bless You Lord, for the joy of Your Holy Presence. Lord, please continue to bless us with Your Love, Grace, and Mercy forever. Father I ask this in Jesus name..... Amen!!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2016

Psalm 143:7: Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do Not hide Your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

My friend, because we are all living in a fallen/broken world, anyone of us can loose hope and get caught up in paralyzing fear and deep depression. At times, we feel caught in deepening depression, and are unable to pull ourselves out. At those times, we can come to the Lord and express our true feelings. Then He can help us to reflect on His Grace, Love, and mercy He has for all of His children. So, before the devil try's to make you believe that God has deserted you, reach out to Him in prayer, trust Him, and decide to do His Will, Hallelujah.....Amen!!!

PROVERBIAL WISDOM

Proverbs 29:20; Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than him.

Proverbs 29:25; Fear of a man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trust in the Lord is kept safe.

PEACE

By Sarah Young

MY PEACE IS SUCH AN ALL ENCOMPASSING GIFT THAT IS INDEPENDENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES. Though you loose everything else, if you gain My Peace you are rich indeed. Let that be a deep comfort to you, especially amid the many aspects over your life over which you have no control! When you are feeling at the mercy of your circumstances, My all encompassing Peace is exactly what you need, even though you sometimes feel unable to receive it. Perhaps that is because you cling to other things, your loved ones, your possessions, your reputation. It's as if you are wrapping your fingers tightly around a small copper coin while I am offering you unlimited supplies of pure gold. My desire is to help you treasure My Peace above everything in the world—recognizing it as a supernatural gift,

bequeathed to My followers, shortly before My death. A man who knows that he will soon die wants to leave something precious with those he loves.

Therefore, I “willed “My Peace to My disciples and all who would follow

Me. I know this was a difficult gift to accept, especially in the midst of adversity. So, after My resurrection, the first words I spoke to My disciples were, “Peace be with you!” They needed this reassurance to reinforce what I taught them before I died. So my brothers and sisters, we all need to be reminded of the divine nature of this gift, for it is not the world’s peace I give you; It is the Peace that transcends all understanding!

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