

MESSAGE 1: ABOLISH POUTING Psalms 37:1-2

MESSAGE 2: BELIEVE GOD Psalms 37:3

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MESSAGE 4: DELIGHT IN THE LORD Psalms 37:4

Launching Text: Philippians 4:4 Rejoice always and again I say rejoice.

Nehemiah 8:10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Psalms 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

Psalms 150:6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD. (Can't praise without rejoicing!)

Preaching Text: Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Introduction: In this series of looking at 5 Great Keys In Christian Living we have looked at Abolish Pouting, Believe God, Commit To God and in this message we will look at "Delight In The Lord". Why? Because as the Launching Text says, the joy of the Lord is our strength. If we refuse to delight in the Lord we will have no strength or power and will be an open target for the devil. Get your dancing shoes on and delight yourselves in the Lord. In this message we will look at reasons to rejoice and by the way, rejoicing is contagious.

### 1. DELIGHT IN THE LORD FOR THERE IS REVELATION

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Ephesians 1:17 (Believers this know) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

#### 1. Revelation Of God's Word

1-Samuel 3:10 And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant hears (and we need to say unto God speak Lord, thy servant hears).

Mark 4:24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

#### 2. Revelation Of God's Will

Ephesians 1:9 (And God will or) Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

2-Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

#### 3. Revelation Of God's Way

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him (Philip and to us), I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

### 2. DELIGHT IN THE LORD FOR THERE IS TRANSFORMATION

2-Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1-John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

#### 1. A Transformed Life By Transformed Love

Mark 12:30-31 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

#### 2. A Transformed Life By Transformed Lust

Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Psalms 42:1 As the hart (or deer) pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul after thee, O God.

Psalms 63:1-2 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsts for thee, my flesh longs for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

#### 3. A Transformed Life By Transformed Lips

Proverbs 13:2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.

### 3. DELIGHT IN THE LORD FOR THERE IS JUSTIFICATION (Just as if we never sinned!)

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

### 4. DELIGHT IN THE LORD FOR THERE IS LIBERATION

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

#### 1. Liberated From Sin

Romans 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

#### 2. Liberated From Satan

Ephesians 5:27 Neither give place to the devil.

1-John 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not.

#### 3. Liberated From Situations (death)

1-Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, which gives us the victory (over all things) through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**5. DELIGHT IN THE LORD FOR THERE IS VINDICATION**

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**1. Vindicated With The Forgiveness Of Sin**

1-John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful & just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**2. Vindicated With The Furnishing Of The Spirit**

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Matthew 3:11 (John The Baptist said) I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but He (Jesus) that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

**3. Vindicated With The Fortification For Service**

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

**6. DELIGHT IN THE LORD FOR THERE IS STABILIZATION**

1-Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, and settle you.

Psalms 37:31 The law (or Word) of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Psalms 121:3 (God promises) He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keeps thee will not slumber.

Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts in thee.

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

1-Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

**7. DELIGHT IN THE LORD FOR THERE IS PRESERVATION**

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things (that come against us)? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

2-Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the savor (or fragrant realization) of His knowledge by us in every place.

**8. DELIGHT IN THE LORD FOR THERE IS AUTHORIZATION**

**1. The Authorization Of Prayer**

Luke 11:9-10 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it shall be opened.

1-John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him (the Lord), because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

**2. The Authorization Of Prophecy**

Mark 11:23 And Jesus answering said unto them (His disciples and to us), Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth (by prophecy with your speech) shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth (by prophecy with your speech) shall be loosed in heaven.

**3. The Authorization Of Power**

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt (or destroy) you.

**4. The Authorization Of Provision**

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

2-Peter 1:3 (God) According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2-Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

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