

John 305 “You’ve Made Me So Very Happy, Lord” John 19:1-2; Psalm 149; Acts 3:1-8

What especially stands out for me with Jeremiah is his commitment to God and His truth, his unwavering love for God’s people and the fact that he spent four decades without adding one convert to the roles and all this is why he’s called ‘the weeping prophet’.

Believers who place their personal injustices as well as their national disasters in the hands of the Supreme Court of Heaven will not be distracted from walking in the hope which leads to reality just like Jeremiah did.

The substitutionary sacrificial death and subsequent resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is our deepest source of hope and in our story, He is about to give His life for us and it will take eternity and beyond for us to understand the depth of His unconditional love expressed on that day some 2,000 years ago!

When the people of Israel would win a battle, they would come up with a new song which included within its lyrics, a testimony to the delivering Hand of their omnipotent God Who had just overwhelmingly secured their victory!

Did you catch that? God takes pleasure in you!

He didn’t simply create you in the same way a puppeteer might sew a puppet together; no, our God has given us all free-will and in the positive choices that we make, He takes great pleasure!

Note that a happy believer is someone who truly recognizes who God is and therefore, can praise Him based on known facts about Him and that makes this person joyful to the point that he sings songs about and to God in honor of Him to the extent that he just might be inclined to take to dancing before Him!

Please note that Peter didn’t say ‘If you’ll give me your money and plant a seed today, I promise you’ll be healed sometime soon!’ NO!

Where the heart is, the body will follow and when the heart is merry, the body responds;

Proverbs 17:22 A cheerful heart is good medicine but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Remember our formula  $G + T = H/B?$

\*Grace plus thanksgiving equals happiness and blessing!

The stronger your reasons for praise, the greater will be your joy.

Most of what’s wrong in our lives is due to a neglect in considering God and His Son which produces great joy in the beholder!

In Psalm 149:4, the Lord takes delight in His people but how? By introducing His Son to them!

It will be our sin to Jesus and His joy, peace, love and forgiveness to us!

How is it that anyone in their right mind who uncovers the riches of God’s glory would not leap for joy?

This is an outward demonstration of Pilate’s failure in taking punitive action against a person he has declared to be innocent.

At this point, Pilate is actually still inclined to let the Lord Jesus go free.

The Jews distorted their own law to get Jesus on the hook so to speak and now Pilate distorts Roman law in an attempt to get Jesus off the hook!

The truth is that divine law actually put Jesus on that cross to satisfy the Father’s just and righteous requirement for payment of our sins.