

## The Realm of The Supernatural: Joy Part 2

*KJV Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

The **Kingdom of God** is the rule and realm of God where **such basic things** as food and drink matter the least!

King David said: *"I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread."*  
**(Ps 37:25)**

However, in this world these things seem to matter the most!

The Kingdom of God is not just about earthly comfort, the earth and this world are all very temporary!

The Kingdom of God is **not** temporary, it's **eternal!**

**It's not natural it's supernatural!**

Spring is a wonderful season when NEW life spreads across the land: birds singing, children playing, grass growing and trees budding.

*NIV Genesis 8:22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."*

Even with the cycle of seasons never ending the world remains **anxious** about how they are going to make it!

Jesus says this is how most people in the world live their lives!

**Anxious and without JOY!**

*ESV Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"*

Jesus says if we are anxious (**troubled, uneasy and tormented**) by the things we don't have, the world is our master and controlling our **joy!**

*ESV Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."*

**The reality is whoever your master is controls your joy!**

If your master is your job that's who provides your joy!

If your master is your husband, wife or children that's who provides joy!

*ESV Matthew 10:37* *Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.*

❖ **For the Kingdom citizen joy is a mentality, it's a mindset based on what we know, not just how we feel!**

*Neh 8:10...The joy of The Lord is our strength!*

*KJV Romans 8:28* *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

**Our strength comes from the knowledge that everything is going to work out for the good! Our enemies of sin, death, hell, poverty, sickness and the grave are all defeated by The Blood of Jesus Christ!**

*ESV Luke 10:38* *Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.*

*39* *And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.*

*40* *But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."*

Some say (3) three people lived in this house, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Martha was probably the oldest and ran the house.

Martha was busy arranging the flowers, setting the table with her best china and fluffing the pillows.

Martha's being the eldest wanted to make a good impression on Jesus.

Of course, there was **nothing wrong** with what Martha was doing, it wasn't a sin.

*Luk 10:41* *But the Lord answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things;***

*42* *but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."*

At that time Martha didn't see Jesus as The Master He was a guest at her house.

- As a **guest** she had to provide for Jesus, but as **The Master** Jesus provides for them!

Jesus said, *“I’ve come that you might have life and have it more abundantly!”* (John 10:10)

Mary recognized Jesus as **The Master** and whatever He was **servicing** was what she wanted!

Could it be, could the reason so many people get burnt out from church, get tired of serving is because they’ve forgot or ignored the good part?

**They lost their JOY because they STOPPED seeing Jesus as The Master!**

**They lost their JOY because they were busy servicing and not getting served!**

Then began trying to get **joy** from all kinds of things and only getting more frustrated and full of anxiety!

**Do you think Jesus is going to allow us to get joy from anything apart from His presence?**

**Do you think Jesus can provide our hearts with joy when our minds are distracted by so many other things?**

The reason some believers (**even preachers**) fall short after years of serving God is; they’ve loved **doing, servicing and preaching** about Jesus more than being with Jesus!

**No wonder they’ve lost their joy!**

*ESV Psalm 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

The way to **abundant living** is found **only** in Jesus, His glorious presence constantly fills us with **JOY** and His **right hand** is full of **favor** and therefore pleases us all the time!