

The Realm of The Supernatural: Joy!

Wednesday night I told you March is the Hebrew month of **Adar** when God's people celebrate the victory over Haman.

Adar is the month of **Celebration and Joy!**

Joy is a supernatural attitude and not just an emotion!

Jesus taught the **beatitudes** or “**state of blessedness**” in The Sermon on the Mount.

ESV Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

*12 **Rejoice and be glad**, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

❖ **Re-meaning again and *joice*-be glad!**

Gladness is the state of being **cheerful** because all things are well!

To rejoice is to make the decision to be glad again!

I like to say we **remind ourselves to remember** how good God is and be glad!

Jesus says **rejoice and be glad!** This is a **common** response to God!

Gladness is the result of (joy) rejoicing or remembering the goodness of God!

❖ Being **glad** is “allowing what we think and know to control our natural state by **singing, dancing, jumping and shouting.**”

It's the supernatural attitude of joy that changes me **while** my situation is being changed!

KJV Psalm 118:24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the world, everything in the world and you—He is in control, **remember that and be glad!**

- In the Kingdom **Joy** is a state of mind, in the world joy is an emotion!

KJV Psalm 30:4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

When we come together in The Name of The LORD, we also **remember His Holiness.**

- We are **remembering** there is **no God like our God!**
- We are **remembering** He is **Holy**, separate, different and other!
- We are **remembering** no God can rescue like our God!
- We are **remembering** no God is Good like our God!

We also remember our Heavenly Father's **anger is brief!**

A Moment is a small movement of time, God lives outside of time, so a moment is what causes God to move!

What causes God to move is our **attitude of gratitude**, our singing and giving thanks at the mentioning remembering of His Name!

Psa 107:1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

At the mention of His Name **joy comes to my soul!**

In **Nehemiah** at the reading of The Word God's people wept over their sin for they realized how far they had fallen from knowing and obeying the Truth so they wept out of deep sorrow.

But Nehemiah whose name means **Jehovah Comforts**, comforts the people by telling them **their acceptance and gladness** to hear The Word of God is what gives you strength!

That fact that you want to know God and walk with God, obeying His Word should make you happy and give you Joy!

Neh 8:10 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.

❖ **Joy is a supernatural mentality that comes from knowledge of The Truth!**

In The Kingdom Joy is the result of victory over our enemies!

2 Co 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

Notice the **three questions:**

The apostle Paul asks **3 questions** concerning The LOVE God has for His people!

Romans 8:33 Who will accuse those whom God has chosen? God has approved of them.

34 Who will condemn them? Christ has died, and more importantly, he was brought back to life. Christ has the highest position in heaven. Christ also intercedes for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

- **Once God approves us, no one can accuse us!**
- **Since Christ died for us, no one can condemn us!**
- **Now that we're in Christ who has the power to tear us apart?**

Paul says in **Romans 8:33-35** absolutely no one is (**strong enough, wise enough, clever enough or powerful enough**) to separate us God!

Not trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger or war!

Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Since we by faith already have the victory, we must sometimes remember to remind ourselves, even when it looks like the enemy is winning, he will ultimately fail.

This is why the NT is constantly telling us to **rejoice and be glad!**

❖ **Gladness** is “allowing what we think and know to control our how we feel and act!”

Jesus says after we remember to remind ourselves we already have the victory over our enemies. He says the next thing that automatically happens is **gladness!**

The last thing Jesus says in the **Beatitudes** is:

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Always REMEMBER to REMIND yourself your reward is gonna be GREAT!