

Good News Leads To Great Joy!

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Luke 2:13, *Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."*

Isaiah 66:2, *... "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at My Word.*

2 Chronicles 16:9, *For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.*

Jeremiah 12:1, *You are always righteous, LORD, when I bring a case before You. Yet I would speak with You about Your justice: Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all the faithless live at ease?*

Psalms 37:7, *Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.*

How Can We Live In God's Favor?

Psalms 67:1, *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine on us— 2so that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.*

1. Live In And Long For God's Daily PRESENCE

Psalms 42:1, *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God. 2My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?*

2. Realize God's Favor Is Both Individual And CORPORATE

Ephesians 3:20, *Now to Him Who is able to do immeasurably*

more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, 21 to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

1. Make Praising God A Daily HABIT

Luke 2:13, *Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God...*

Psalms 67:3, *May the peoples praise You, God; may all the peoples praise You. 4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. 5 May the peoples praise You, God; may all the peoples praise You.*

2. Share The Good News With YOUR FRIENDS

Romans 10:14, *How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of Whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

1. Use Your Material Blessings To Bless Others SPIRITUALLY

Psalms 67:6, *The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. 7 May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear Him.*

2. Accept God's GRACE

Ephesians 2:8, *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast.*