

Fullness of Joy in God's Presence

Scripture:

Psalms 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."
(ESV)

Devotion:

We live in a world obsessed with the pursuit of happiness. Advertisements, social media, and even well-meaning friends tell us that happiness is the ultimate goal. But the Bible paints a different picture. God's greatest desire is not that we chase after happiness, but that we chase after Him.

Psalms 16:11 reminds us that true, lasting joy is found not in circumstances, possessions, or achievements, but in the presence of God Himself. David, the writer of this psalm, had experienced both the highs and lows of life-victory and defeat, comfort and hardship. Yet he declares that "in your presence there is fullness of joy." Not partial joy. Not fleeting happiness. Fullness.

When we make happiness our goal, we often end up disappointed. The things we think will satisfy us-success, relationships, comfort-can never fill the deepest longings of our hearts. But when we pursue God, we find something better than happiness: we find joy that is deep, unshakeable, and eternal.

God invites us to seek Him first (Matthew 6:33). As we draw near to Him

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through prayer, worship, and obedience, He fills us with a joy that the world cannot give and cannot take away. This is not a promise of an easy life, but of a joyful one-rooted in the unchanging presence of our Savior.

Reflection:

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Are you chasing after happiness, or are you chasing after God? Ask Him today to help you seek His presence above all else, trusting that in Him, you will find the fullness of joy your heart truly desires.

Prayer:

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Father, forgive me for the times I have chased after happiness instead of You. Help me to seek Your presence above all else. Fill me with the joy that comes from knowing You and walking with You each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.