

Psalm 21

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

Joy in the Lord

1 The **king** shall have joy in **Your strength**, O Lord; And in **Your salvation** how **greatly shall he rejoice!** 2 You have given him his heart's desire, And have not withheld the request of his lips. **Selah** 3 For You meet him with the blessings of **goodness**; You set a crown of pure gold upon his head. 4 He asked life from You, and You gave it to him— Length of days forever and ever. 5 His glory is great in **Your salvation**; Honor and majesty You have placed upon him. 6 For You have made him most blessed forever; You have made him exceedingly glad with **Your presence**. 7 For the king trusts in the Lord, And **through the mercy** of the Most High he **shall not be moved**. 8 **Your hand** will find all Your enemies; Your right hand will find those who hate You. 9 You shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of Your anger; The Lord shall swallow them up in His wrath, And the fire shall devour them. 10 Their offspring You shall destroy from the earth, And their descendants from among the sons of men. 11 For they intended **evil against You**; They devised a plot which they are not able to perform. 12 Therefore You will make them turn their back; You will make ready Your arrows on Your string toward their faces. 13 **Be exalted, O Lord, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.**

David Resolved: I shall have Joy in the Lord!

Deuteronomy 12:7 ... you shall eat before the Lord your God, and **you shall rejoice** in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.

Commanded to rejoice in the Lord...thus it is a sin to not rejoice

- How big a deal is it?

Deuteronomy 28:47 [Curses for not rejoicing in the Lord] "Because you did not serve the Lord your God **with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything**, 48 therefore **you shall serve your enemies**, whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.[Continues/gets worse for taking God's blessings for granted]

- If we do not deserve anything there is nothing to complain about...

Philippians 2:14 Do all things **without complaining** [grumbling] and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you **shine as lights in the world**, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I **may rejoice** in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain. 17 Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith [ready to be martyred], I am **glad and rejoice** with you all. 18 For the same reason **you also be glad and rejoice with me.**

- We bless the Lord by rejoicing in the Lord [As a child rejoicing in caring parent]

Psalm 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, Who daily **loads us with benefits...**

- **Benefits:** heb. *ghem-ool* Lit. The way God deals with us. His goodness

**But David found joy in God Himself...not God's Stuff
His Strength/His Salvation/His Goodness/His Presence**

- **May say:** I will rejoice once I'm out of this situation?

1 Thessalonians 5:16 [Paul did not have it easy] **Rejoice always,** 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this **is the will of God** in Christ Jesus for you.

Job 1:21 [Job praised God in hard times] "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; **Blessed be the name of the Lord.**"

There are ten thousand arguments in Scripture for happiness in the Christian; but I do not know that there is one logical argument for misery. [Spurgeon]

- **Rejoice:** Not **for** every situation **but in** every situation. Why?
 1. Because there's still a lot of good in your life
 2. Because God is using what seems bad for **His good purpose for you...**

Romans 8:18 ... I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us [later]... **28** [for now] ...we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed **to the image of His Son..**

v6 David is Exceedingly Glad just to be in His Presence
Secure in His mercy...We shall not be moved v7

Psalm 16:8 I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand **I shall not be moved.**

Genesis 15:1b...Do not be afraid, Abram. **I am** your shield, your exceedingly **great reward.**

- **We are commanded to rejoice.** Why would we not? David concludes...

v 13 Be exalted, O Lord, in **Your own strength!**
We will sing and praise **Your power**
- **David was resolved:** I shall have joy in the Lord/Man after God's own heart

Psalm 21 Joy in the Lord

Psalm 22

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn." A Psalm of David.

The Cross of the Good Shepherd

1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning? **2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent.** **3 But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.** **4 Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered**

them. 5 They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. 6 But **I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised** by the people. 7 All those **who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head**, saying, 8 "He trusted in the Lord, **let Him rescue Him**; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" 9 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God. 11 Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; For there is none to help. 12 Many **bulls have surrounded Me**; Strong bulls of Bashan have **encircled Me**. 13 They **gape at Me** with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion. 14 I am **poured out like water**, And all My bones are **out of joint**; My **heart is like wax**; It has melted within Me. 15 My **strength is dried up** like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They **pierced My hands and My feet**; 17 I can **count all My bones**. They look and stare at Me. 18 They **divide My garments** among them, And for My clothing they **cast lots**. 19 But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! 20 Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. 21 Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! **You have answered Me**. 22 I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the **assembly I will praise You**. 23 You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. 25 My praise shall be of You in the **great assembly**; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live forever! 27 All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the Lord, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. 28 For the **kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations**. 29 All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. 30 A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, 31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this.

- **David King/Prophet:** Prophecies crucifixion 1000 years before fulfillment...

The Psalms are full of Christ. There is a more complete picture of [Jesus] in the Psalms than in the Gospels. The Gospels tell us that He went up the mountain to pray...but the **Psalms give us His prayer**. The gospels tell us He was crucified, but the Psalms tell us what went on **in His heart** during the crucifixion... [JV McGee]

Psalm 22 Thoughts from the Cross. **Rated R** for Graphic Violence/Gore
Forsaken by the Father after a zillion+ years of intimate relationship

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?**"

Reproached/Despised/Ridiculed/Worm vv 6-8

- **Our Great High Priest**

1. **v6 Became a Worm:** Numbered with Transgressors
2. Sympathizing w/consequences of sin...yet never sinning Himself

Isaiah 41:14 Fear not, **you worm Jacob**, You men of Israel! **I will help you,**" says the Lord And your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. [How? Only a worm knows how to help another worm]

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A **Man of sorrows** and acquainted with grief...we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Mark 15:29 [Mocked in His agony] Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days...

Matthew 27:39 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, **come down from the cross.**" 41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said, 42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. 43 He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' "44 Even the **robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him** with the same thing.

Luke 4:23 v8 [Jesus knew it would happen] ...said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, **heal yourself!**'"

- **Insult to Injury** vv12-15
 1. The ones who put Him on cross...mock Him
 2. Encircle Him/Gape at Him dying for them
- **Son of God...**
 1. Poured out like water/Every bone out of joint as cross dropped
 2. Heart burning hot like melting wax
 3. Strength failing/Perspiration evaporating/Mouth totally dry tongue sticking

Pierced My Hands and Feet

David Prophecies Jesus Crucifixion [not to be invented for over 500 years]

Cast Lots at the Foot of the Cross: Indifference

Matthew 27:35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."

Sea Change/Shift/Transformation vv 19-21 as Jesus Prays...

19 But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.

Hebrews 5:7 ... [Jesus] who, in the **days of His flesh**, when He had **offered up prayers** and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear...

Save Me from the lion's mouth/Horns of the wild oxen!

You have answered Me. The Resurrection

Isaiah 53:10 [700 years before fulfillment] Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin [Sea Change/Resurrection], He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. **11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.** By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

- **He shall see the labor of His soul:** Other versions Light of Life/Resurrection
- Love for us held Him to the cross not nails

Hebrews 12:2 look... unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who **for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame**, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

**v28 Kingdom is the Lord's...And He rules over the nations
Resurrection/Ascension/2nd Coming: Usurper has been usurped!**

Colossians 2:14 [Jesus work on the cross destroyed the enemy and] ... wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having **disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

You have answered Me
I will praise You in the Great Assembly: His Brethren

Hebrews 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason **He is not ashamed to call them brethren**, 12 saying: "I will declare Your name to **My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.**"

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be **the firstborn among many brethren.**

Isaiah 26:19 [We will follow His resurrection] Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. **Awake and sing**, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead.

Psalms 22 The Cross of the Good Shepherd

Psalm 23

Jesus

A Psalm of David.

The Crook of the Great Shepherd

1 The **Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.** 2 He **makes me to lie down in green pastures;** He leads me beside the still waters. 3 **He restores my soul;** He

leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the **valley of the shadow of death**, I will fear no evil; For **You are with me**; Your **rod and Your staff**, they **comfort me**. 5 **You prepare a table** before me in the **presence of my enemies**; You **anoint my head with oil**; My cup runs over. 6 Surely **goodness and mercy shall follow me** All the days of my life; And **I will dwell in the house** of the Lord Forever.

- **David:**

1. Shepherd his people now and Millennial Kingdom: Ez. 34:23,37:24
2. Under the instruction/guidance of Chief Shepherd

Psalms 80:1 ... O **Shepherd of Israel**, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

Isaiah 40:11 He will **feed His flock like a shepherd**; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

John 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

He is the Good Shepherd/Chief Shepherd/True Shepherd

1 Peter 2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the **Shepherd and Overseer of your souls**.

- **Shepherd Responsibilities:** Lead/Feed/Protect

1. Flock as a whole
2. Each Individual sheep

The Lord is **My Shepherd** thus I shall not want
Is the Lord your Shepherd? Do you hear His voice

John 10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and **they follow Me**.

- **He meets all our needs...**

Psalms 34:9 Oh fear the Lord you His saints! **There is no want** to those who fear Him. 10 The young lions lack/suffer hunger But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

Philippians 4:19 ...my God shall supply **all your need** according to His riches in glory...

- **God makes us lie down...**

1. When we don't want to. Sheep are stupid.
2. When we don't realize we need to...**He has ways to slow us down**

**To make us stop and recognize He is God...Allow Him to restore my soul
Spend time listening to Him for instruction...**

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a **light to my path**.

- **Leads Me** in ways that are right...
- **His Names sake:** That He might be Glorified

Matthew 5:15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and **glorify your Father in heaven.**

John 15:8 By this **My Father is glorified** that you bear **much fruit...**

- Leads us to do good stuff to show who He is...as Ambassadors for the King

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should **walk in them.**

Even in the valleys of life when it looks like it's over I Will Fear No Evil...
God calls the shots. I am invincible until God says I'm done

- What looks big to me is nothing to God
- My darkness/inability to see is **light to God.**

Psalms 139:11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; 12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; **The darkness and the light are both alike to You.** [He is my Infrared glasses at night]

God calls the shots, not death. I'm invincible till God says I'm done
And when that time comes...So will God's Grace

Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters, **I will be with you**; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.

His Rod/Staff to protect and gently guide...or whatever

- **Smack Wolves:** Use His Spirit/Word/Leadership
- **Guide us/Discipline us...**

Hebrews 12:6... whom the **Lord loves He chastens...**scourges every son...He receives.

- **Chasten:** Discipline/Disciple/Learner/Teachable/Usable
- **Prepare table before our enemies?** Vindicate/Validate us as His kids. Fulfilled as...

Jesus Himself will Prepare a Feast to Kick off Millennial Kingdom

Isaiah 25:6 And in this mountain The **Lord of hosts will make for all people A feast** of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will **swallow up death forever**, And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.

Anoint my Head with Oil: Picture of Joy of the Holy Spirit

- Jesus sent His Holy Spirit and **that everything changed...all new**

Isaiah 61:2...comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The **oil of joy for mourning**, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He

may be glorified." 4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall **repair the ruined cities**, The desolations of many generations.

Pursued by God's Goodness and God's Mercy God's desire to bless us...

Psalm 65:11 [Here now if we open eyes] You crown the year with **Your goodness**, And Your **paths drip with abundance**. 12 They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on every side. 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing.

Ephesians 2:6 [There later] [God] raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might **show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness** toward us in Christ Jesus.

- When all false shepherds are taken out Jesus will remain...

Ezekiel 34:14 I will feed them in **good pasture**, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a **good fold** and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

- **Ages to Come and Forever more**

1. **Good Pasture** New Jerusalem/New Dimension
2. **Good Fold** Brothers/Sisters made perfect [like us?]

I will dwell in the House of the Lord Forever...I shall never want again

Revelation 7:16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne **will shepherd them and lead them** to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm 23 The Crook of the Great Shepherd

Psalm 24

Jesus

A Psalm of David.

The Crown of the Chief Shepherd

1 The **earth is the Lord's**, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.
2 For He has founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the waters. 3 **Who may ascend into the hill** of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has **clean hands** and a **pure heart**, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive blessing from the Lord, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. **Selah** 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you **everlasting doors!** And the **King of glory shall come in**. 8 Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the **King of glory shall come in**. 10 Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. **Selah**

Picture: Jesus coming to His Temple
The Earth is now the Lord's again and forever

- Jesus will touch ground on the Mount of Olives

Zechariah 14:4 And in that day **His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives**, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be **split in two**, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

- Jesus will wreak havoc on AC/Set up Kingdom for 45 days [Dan 12]
- Jesus will greet 144,000/us/OT Saints on Mount Zion...

Revelation 14:1... I looked/behold, a Lamb **standing on Mount Zion**, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

Isaiah 63:2 [They will ask] Why is **Your apparel red**, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? 3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, And I have stained all My robes.

Jesus will then walk through the East Gate. True Triumphant Entry
Sit on His rightful throne

Ezekiel 43:4 And the **glory of the Lord came into the temple** by way of the **gate which faces toward the east**.

- All Nations will flock to Him...

Haggai 2:7 ...I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the **Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,** says the Lord of hosts.

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you **everlasting doors!** And the **King of glory shall come in**. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! The **King of glory shall come in**. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

Psalm 24 The Crown of the Chief Shepherd

Psalm 25

Jesus

A Psalm of David: While being betrayed by his son Absalom

Teachability Humble Fear of God resulting in Wisdom of God

1 To You, O Lord, **I lift up my soul**. 2 O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. 3 Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. 4 Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. 7 **Do not remember the sins of my youth**, nor my transgressions;

According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord. **8 Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way.** 9 The humble He guides in justice, And **the humble He teaches His way.** 10 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. 11 For Your name's sake, O Lord, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great. **12 Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.** 13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth. **14 The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him,** And He will show them His covenant. 15 My eyes are ever toward the Lord, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net. 16 Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted. 17 The troubles of my heart have enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses! 18 Look on my affliction and my pain, And forgive all my sins. 19 Consider my enemies, for they are many; And they **hate me with cruel hatred.** 20 Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You. 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For **I wait for You.** 22 **Redeem Israel,** O God, Out of all their troubles!

- **David lifts his soul to God:** Do not remember my sins...Instead teach me

Good/Upright is the Lord *therefore* He teaches Sinners?
The humble He teaches His way

- **God will Teach those who Fear Him because their teachable v 12**

Psalm 86:11 Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; **Unite** [join/become one with] **my heart to fear Your name.**

- **Opposite of fearing God?**
 1. We know it all
 2. We deserve it all
 3. We're entitled to it all...**yet the proud miss out**

The Secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him

- **Secret:** heb. *Sode* familiar friends/conversation rt. close together, private meeting
- **Want it?** Begins w/fear of God/humility

Psalm 25 Teachability Humble Fear of God resulting in Wisdom from God