

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 8/28/24



Joy!

“For the joy of the Lord is your strength!”

– Nehemiah



Nehemiah 8:8-12 NLT

“They read from the Book of the Law of **God** and clearly explained the meaning of what was being read, helping the people understand each passage. Then **Nehemiah** the governor, **Ezra** the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting for the people said to them, ‘Don’t mourn or **weep** on such a day as this! For today is a sacred day before the Lord your God.’ For the people had all been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

“And Nehemiah continued, ‘Go and celebrate with a feast of rich foods and sweet drinks, and **share** gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared. This is a **sacred** day before our Lord. Don’t be dejected and sad, for the **joy** of the Lord is your strength!’

“And the Levites, too, quieted the people, telling them, ‘Hush! Don’t weep! For this is a sacred day.’ So the people went away to eat and drink at a festive meal, to share gifts of food, and to celebrate with great **joy** because they had **heard** God’s words and **understood** them.”

“Kraft der Freude” [Strength Through Joy] [1932-1939]

Remembering high school German class, this is a phrase from German history. It was a strategy to promote the advantages of Nazism, a propaganda tool using arts, and theatre, and events to emphasize ‘positive’ thinking, controlling leisure time.

Proverbs 15:23 NIRV

“**Joy** is found in giving the right **answer**. And how good is a word spoken at the right time!”

Psalms 30:5b NKJV

“...Weeping may **endure** for a night, but **joy** comes in the morning.”

John 16:22 TLB [also Isaiah 35:10 & 1 John 1:12 [join in fellowship with God]]

“You have sorrow now, but I will see you again and then you will rejoice; and no one can **rob** you of that **joy**!”

Psalms 27:6 GNT

“So I will **triumph** over my enemies around me. With shouts of **joy** I will offer sacrifices in His Temple; I will sing, I will praise the Lord.”

Philemon 1:7 NIV

“Your **love** has given me great **joy** and encouragement...”

Esther 8:17 DARBY

“... wherever the king’s **decree** came, the Jews had **joy** and gladness!”

Luke 15:7 ESV

“I tell you, there will be more **joy** in heaven over one sinner who **repents**....”

Hebrews 12:2 ESV

“.....looking to Jesus, the founder and **perfecter** of our faith, who for the **joy** that was set before him **endured** the cross, **despising** the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

James 1:2-3 NKJV

“My brethren, count it all **joy** when you fall into various **trials**, knowing that the testing of your faith produces **patience**.”