



Gladness

Let us focus our hearts on loving God deeper and consistently through the gift of gladness. Various texts in the King James Version of the Bible reference this point. Hebrews 1:9 says, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Glory to God. Gladness is "a pleased or joyful condition of mind; cheerfulness; a feeling of joy and exhilaration, usually of a strong yet quiet and temperate character." God gives gladness as a bountiful benefit, but we must choose to use it. Psalm 4:4-5,7 say, "Stand in awe and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still. [5] Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord. [7] Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased."

Gladness is one of the good things manifested from the treasure trove of a good heart. Matthew 12:35 says, "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Let us complete the rest of our Christian journeys with hearts full of gladness as we reflect on the goodness of God and His everlasting love and mercies. Selah! Be encouraged.

Love, Joy, and Peace,

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