TODAY’S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Matthew 2:10

SERMON TITLE: “JOY TO THE WORLD”

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.” Matthew 2:10

“And Nehemiah...and Ezra...said, “And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:12

“...fruit of the (Holy) Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kind/good/gentle/fait hful-ness, control” Galatians 5:22

“...Weeping may tarry for a night, but joy comes with the morning.” Psalm 30:5
And now unto HIM who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you ...with exceeding joy,”

Jude 1:24

**COMMON DEFINITION**

*The emotion of great delight or happiness, caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying;*

- *Random House Dictionary*

**COMMON USES:**

#1: Proper Name ("Joy, "Joyana," etc...)
#2: Emotion
#3: Music & Literature

**COMMON USES:**

#1: Noun
#2: Verb
#3: Adjective

There are many Hebrew words for joy.

- seem-KHAH (שמחה)
- gee-LAH (גלה)
- ree-NAH (רויה)
- oshehr (אוור)
"Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy!"

Psalms 126:5

"...became imitators of...The LORD, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy...Holy Spirit..."

I Thessalonians 1:6

"A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

"The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish."

Proverbs 10:28
“Make a *joyful* noise unto THE LORD, all the earth!”

*Psalm 100:1*

**SERMONIC PNT.#1:**

**JOY IN CELEBRATION**

Importance of taking *joy in good times…“*

“Just so, I tell you, there is *joy* before the angels of GOD over one sinner who repents.”

*Luke 15:10*

**“And my spirit *rejoices* in GOD my savior.”**

*Luke 1:47*

**SERMONIC PNT.#1:**

**JOY IN CONTINUATION**

Importance of taking *joy at ALL times…”*

“This is the day THE LORD has made, let us *rejoice* and be glad in it.”

*Psalm 118:24*
“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”
*Acts 13:52*

“And his master said to him, “Well done, good...servant... enter into the joy of your master.”
*Matthew 25:21*

...fixing our eyes on JESUS, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before HIM...”
*Hebrews 12:2*

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”
*Matthew 2:10*

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: PROVE

#2: PURPOSE

#3: PROVIDE

SERMONIC PNT.#2: PURPOSE

"We must purpose in our hearts to be obedient to THE LORD;"
SERMONIC PNT.#3: PROVIDE

In the midst of our deepest trials...GOD will always provide for us;

“And we are writing these things, so that our joy may be complete.”

I John 1:4

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

John 15:11

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds...”

James 1:2

May...GOD of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing...you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15:13

“Kingdom of GOD is not...eating and drinking, but of righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:17