

Rejoice and Celebrate!
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Psalms 118:

- 1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
- 2 Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now say, "His mercy endures forever."
 - The word translated as "mercy" (*chesed*) is often translated as:
 - Steadfast love
 - Lovingkindness
 - It is the equivalent of the NT "grace"
- 4 Let those who fear the LORD now say, "His mercy endures forever."
- 5 I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.
- 6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?
 - **Hebrews 13:**
 - 5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
 - 6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"
 - Yet, we still get angry at people
 - Sometimes we are correct to hate what they do, but we should not hate the person
- 7 The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.
- 9 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.
- 10 All nations surrounded me, But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
- 11 They surrounded me, Yes, they surrounded me; But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
- 12 They surrounded me like bees; They were quenched like a fire of thorns; For in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
- 13 You pushed me violently, that I might fall, But the LORD helped me.
- 14 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.
- 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
- 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.
- 17 I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.
- 20 This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter.
- 21 I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.
 - **1 Peter 2:**

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- 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"
 - Rejection is difficult for anyone
 - But God can turn it around for good
- 23 This was the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.
 - Save now = Hosanna
 - ***Matthew 21:***
 - 1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,
 - 2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.
 - 3 "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."
 - 4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:
 - 5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'"
 - 6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.
 - 7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.
 - 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.
 - 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.
 - The horns are stone extensions from the corner of sacrificial altars
- 28 You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.
- 29 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
- 24 This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.
 - EVERY DAY is a day the LORD has made
 - Rejoice in EVERY DAY

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Ecclesiastes 3:

- 1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:
- 2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;
- 3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;
- 4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;
- 5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;
- 6 A time to gain (**search**), And a time to lose (**give up**); A time to keep, And a time to throw away;
 - We have a time to “give up”
 - We have a time to throw some things away
- 7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;
- 8 A time to love, And a time to hate (**like hating lying**); A time of war, And a time of peace.
 - God sees that everything is done in His appointed times.
- 9 What profit has the worker from that in which he labors?
- 10 I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied.
- 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.
- 12 I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives,
- 13 and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor-it is the gift of God.
 - It is important for each of us to enjoy each day of our lives
 - Our life is a gift from God
 - Everything we have in this life is a gift from God
- 14 I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him.
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- 22 So I perceived that nothing is better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?
 - Enjoy life and celebrate each day that God gives you.

Matthew 6:

- 25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"
- 26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"
- 27 "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"

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- 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;
- 29 "and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
- 30 "Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
- 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'
 - Don't worry; Be happy!
- 32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- 33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- 34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

James 4:

- 12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?
- 13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit";
 - We are to never make plans without consulting God
 - We need to recognize that God is in control of the circumstances of our life
- 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.
- 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."
 - Our prayer is instructed to always include "They will be done"
- 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.
 - When we boast, we are arrogant
 - It is evil because we are not giving credit to God
- 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Proverbs 3:

- 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.
 - If God puts you in a position to do good for someone, it is a sin to NOT do it
- 28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with you.
 - If you have good intentions to do good for them tomorrow – remember, you may not have a tomorrow!

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Proverbs 27:

- 1 Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.

Certainly, each day has its own troubles in store for us. Our challenge is to do the best we can with what we know each and every day.

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Enjoy each day and celebrate life. That is the gift of God.