

JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST
The Lord Will Do Great Things

- I. **We are glad and rejoice because we believe God will do great things-Jo2:21-** Fear not O land; be **glad** and **rejoice for** (because) the LORD will do great things-**Glad**-Spin around, be joyful, leap for joy, rejoice exceedingly - **Rejoice**-Brighten up, have joy, mirthful-noisy joy, laughter
- A. NOT about something God has done, but about what you believe He will do -**Js6:16**-Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city
- B. I will rejoice/joy because I believe He will-**Hb3:17**-Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail...the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold...there shall be no herd in the stalls:¹⁸Yet I will rejoice (be joyful/jump for joy/raise arms in joy) in the Lord I will joy (Jo2:21-Glad) in the God of my salvation.¹⁹The Lord God is my strength...he will make my feet like hinds feet...he will make me to walk upon my high places
- II. **Joyful faith produced a great victory-2Ch20:1**-The children of Moab and the children of Ammon and with them other beside the Ammonites came against Jehoshaphat to battle.²Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee...³...Feared (no joy) and set himself to seek the Lord (**Js1:2-5**)¹²...we have no might against this great company...neither know we what to do but our eyes are upon you (**Ps37:12**-The wicked plots against the just and gnashes upon him with his teeth.¹³The Lord shall laugh at him: for he sees that his day is coming).¹⁵Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours but God's.¹⁶Tomorrow go ye down against them...¹⁷Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord with you...fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you²⁰...as they went forth Jehoshaphat...said...Believe in the Lord your God so shall ye be established; believe his prophets so shall ye prosper.²¹And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord and that should praise the beauty of holiness as they went out before the army and to say, Praise the Lord for his mercy endures forever.²²And when they began to sing (shout of joy, glad, rejoice) and to praise (celebrate) the Lord set ambushments...²³...every one helped to destroy another.²⁴...when Judah came toward the watch tower...they looked unto the multitude and behold they were dead bodies fallen to the earth and none escaped
- A. 1st thing God said was don't be afraid/dismayed-Don't need to be stronger or know what to do, but rather this was the priority; To be afraid and dismayed is to be faithless and God is left without an avenue to help
- B. Don't try not to be but do the opposite-**Jb5:21**-Neither shalt you be afraid of destruction when it comes.²²At destruction and famine you shalt laugh
- C. Praise is inseparable from joy-**Ps98:4**-Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the earth: make a loud noise and rejoice and sing praise.
- D. Joy is our faith response-Believing what He told them they responded in joy
- E. When the joy started God started-Faith expressed in joy opens the door; Heaven takes care of serious business in the atmosphere of joy
- F. While they made the joyful sound something was happening in their future