HOLY GHOST MEETINGS

Purposes For Laughter

I. **The purpose of a thought isn't to just get us to think something but to move us in a direction-*Rm8:5*-*They that are AFTER the flesh do MIND the things of the flesh*-*Pr4:23*-*Keep your HEART…for out of it are the issues of life* [Thought affects life]-*Is55:8*-*My thoughts are not your THOUGHTS neither are your WAYS my ways*-*Pr23:7*-*As HE THINKS in his heart so is HE* [Thought affects "he"] •**The purpose of a negative thought is to move you to a place of fear, despair, sorrow, unbelief, disobedience**-*Lm3:19*-*REMEMBERING mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.[20]My soul hath them still in remembrance and is humbled in me.[21]This I RECALL TO MY MIND therefore have I hope.[22]It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because his compassions fail not.[23]They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness*-*Ps55:2*-*I MOURN IN MY COMPLAINT* [agitated in my thoughts]*…make a NOISE* [agitation]*;[3]BECAUSE OF THE VOICE OF THE ENEMY,* [negative thoughts] *because of THE OPPRESSION OF THE WICKED* [pressure] *for they cast INIQUITY upon me* [trouble] *and in wrath they hate me.[4]My heart is SORE PAINED within me* [inner anguish] *and the TERRORS OF DEATH* [fear] *are fallen upon me.[5]Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me and horror has overwhelmed me*-*1Sm17:11*-*When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid*-*Mt14:30*-*When he SAW the wind boisterous, he was afraid* [The purpose of the thought was to move him to a place of fear where he couldn't win] •**1.We speak The Word of God to deal with negative thoughts**-*Mt4:4*-*It is written*-*Js1:8*-*This book of the law shall not depart out of THY MOUTH; but thou shalt MEDITATE therein day and night* •**2.We laugh to deal with negative thoughts (Go the direction opposite of where the thought wants to take you)**-*Jb5:22*-*At destruction and famine thou shalt LAUGH: neither shalt thou be AFRAID of the beasts of the earth* [If a thought is trying to take you to fear, sorrow, despair, we laugh, rejoice, sing, and dance to go a different direction •**We quench the fiery darts of the wicked NOT by just robotically answering the thought by quoting a scripture but with the shield of faith, which is based on The Word and expressed through joy**-*Ep6:18*-*Taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked* [We laugh as an expression of our faith which is based on The Word; Without The Word there's no grounds for faith and no reason to laugh •Many spoke The Word to address the thought but are still being pulled by that thought because they didn't go a direction opposite of where that thought was trying to pull them •If you believe The Word you spoke joy is an expression of faith] •**God laughs at the devil thoughts**-*Ps59:6*-*…return at evening…make a noise like a dog* [threatening noises]*…go round about the city.[7]…belch out with their mouth* [utter abundantly]*: swords are in their lips* [words that threaten, intimidate]*: for who, say they, does hear* [who's going to stop us]*?[8]BUT THOU O LORD SHALT LAUGH AT THEM; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision* [mock their threats]-*Ps2:2*-*Kings of the earth set themselves…rulers take counsel together against the Lord…against his anointed SAYING,[3]Let us break their bands asunder and cast away their cords from us.[4]HE THAT SITS IN THE HEAVENS SHALL LAUGH: the Lord shall have them in derision*-*Ps37:12*-*The wicked plots against the just and gnashes upon with his teeth.[13]THE LORD SHALL LAUGH AT HIM for he sees that his day is coming*

II. **We are commanded to joy always**-*Ph4:4*-*Rejoice always*-*1Th5:16*-*Rejoice evermore* [To joy-Verb of joy (song/sing), Express joy; Be joyful] •**We rejoice with**

joy-*1Pt1:8*-*Rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory*-***1Ki1:40,1Ch29:9***-*Rejoiced with great joy*-***Ne12:43***-*GOD HAD MADE THEM to rejoice with great joy so that THE JOY OF JERUSALEM WAS HEARD even a far off* •**Joy has expression**-***Ps126:2***-*Our mouth filled with LAUGHTER and our tongue with SINGING…[3]we are GLAD* [joyful]-***Lm5:15***-*The JOY of our heart is ceased; our DANCE turned into mourning*-***Pr15:13***-*Merry heart makes a CHEERFUL COUNTENANCE*-***Ps5:11***-*SHOUT for joy* •**We rejoice by choice**-***Ps118:24***-*WE WILL rejoice*-***2Sm6:14***-*David DANCED* ***[Ps150:4, Ecc3:4]*** *before the Lord WITH ALL HIS MIGHT…[21]Therefore WILL I play* [laugh] *before The Lord…[22]And I WILL yet be more vile than thus and will be BASE* [humble] *in mine own sight* [It takes humility to rejoice]

III. **Our joy today is connected to what God does in your future**-***Ps149:1***-*PRAISE* [celebrate, glory, boast] *ye the Lord. SING unto the Lord a new song…[2]Let Israel REJOICE* [express joy] *in him that made him: let the children of Zion BE JOYFUL* [rejoice greatly, exceedingly glad, celebrate with joy] *in their King.[3]Let them praise his name in the DANCE* [circle]: *let them SING PRAISES unto him…*[Expressions of joy-Praise, sing, rejoice, dance].*[4]FOR* [because] *the Lord takes PLEASURE* [delights, regard with favor, for them] *in his people: HE WILL BEAUTIFY* [adorn] *the MEEK* [lowly, afflicted, brought low] *with SALVAITON* [victory, prosperity, deliverance •People in a low place God tells to rejoice because of what He will do].*[5]Let the saints BE JOYFUL in glory: let them SING aloud upon their beds.[6]Let the HIGH PRAISES of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;* [God's praise/joy in your mouth and God's Word as your weapon].*[7]To execute vengeance upon the heathen and punishments upon the people;[8]To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;[9]To execute upon them the judgment written*-***Jo2:21***-*Fear not O land; BE GLAD* [rejoice greatly, joyful] *and REJOICE* [glad, joyful, merry]: *FOR* [because] *THE LORD WILL do great things.[23]BE GLAD then, ye children of Zion and REJOICE in the Lord your God FOR he has given you the former rain moderately and HE WILL cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.[24]And the floors SHALL BE full of wheat and the vats SHALL overflow with wine and oil.[25]And I WILL restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.[26]And YE SHALL eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.[27]And ye shall know that I AM IN THE MIDST of Israel …[28]And IT SHALL come to pass AFTERWARD that I will pour out MY SPIRIT upon all flesh…[29]And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days WILL I pour out my spirit.[30]And I WILL shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, fire…pillars of smoke* [All of this was after the rejoicing]-***2Ch20:22***-*When they began to sing and to praise the Lord set ambushments.[24] …came toward the watch tower…they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, none escaped* [When they rejoiced God worked on their future]

IV. **By this joy we draw out what the Lord has done**-***Is52:9***-*BREAK FORTH INTO JOY, sing together, ye WASTE PLACES of Jerusalem for the LORD HAS comforted his people, he HAS redeemed Jerusalem*-***Js6:2***-*I HAVE given into thine hand Jericho…[16]…Shout; for the Lord HAS GIVEN you the city*-***Is12:2***-*God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.[3]Therefore WITH JOY shall ye draw water out of the WELLS of SALVATION* [deliverance, victory, prosperity]