HOLY GHOST MEETINGS

How To Joy

I. **Joy is a defining characteristic of the Kingdom NOT A SIDE ISSUE-*Rm14:17***-*The KINGDOM OF GOD* [where God rules] *is not meat and drink; but righteousness…peace…JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST-**Ps16:11**-In thy PRESENCE is fulness of JOY-**Zp3:17**-Rejoice over you with JOY-**Hb1:9**-Anointed you with the oil of GLADNESS* [extreme joy] *above thy fellows-**Jn15:11**-MY JOY might remain in you-**Jn17:13**-Have MY JOY fulfilled in themselves-**Lk10:21**-JESUS REJOICED in spirit-**Jn16:22**-See you again and your heart will rejoice and YOUR JOY no man takes from you-**Ac13:52**-Filled with JOY and with the Holy Ghost-**Mt25:21**-Enter into the JOY of the Lord-**Rv21:4**-God shall wipe away all tears…NO MORE…sorrow*

II. **There's a tendency to despise joy because of how it looks-*Ph4:4***-*Rejoice ALWAYS-**1Th5:16**-Rejoice EVERMORE-**Ps32:11**-Be glad in the LORD and rejoice ye righteous and shout for joy* [85x rejoice, be glad, be of good cheer]-***Ep4:31***-*Let ALL bitterness…wrath…anger…clamor…evil speaking be put away from you-**Ps37:8**-CEASE from anger…FORSAKE wrath-**Ep4:26**-Let not the sun go down on your wrath-**Ph1:28**-IN NOTHING be terrified by your adversaries-**Jn14:27**-Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid-**Ph4:6**-Be anxious FOR NOTHING-**1Pt5:6**-Cast ALL your care upon The Lord-**1Th4:13**-Sorrow not even as others which have no hope-**Ne8:10**-This day is holy unto our Lord: NEITHER BE YE SORRY;[11]…Hold your peace for the day is holy; NEITHER BE YE GRIEVED-**Pr12:15**-Heaviness in the heart of man makes it STOOP-**Pr15:13**-By sorrow of heart the spirit is BROKEN-**Pr17:22**-Broken spirit DRIES the bones-**2Co7:10**-Sorrow of the world WORKS DEATH*

III. **If we knew the things that were happening in the spirit when we rejoiced and laughed we'd do it all the time-*Pr17:22***-*A merry heart DOES GOOD like a medicine-**Is64:5**-MEETS HIM that rejoices-**Ps68:2**-WICKED PERISH at the presence of God-**Ps9:3**-ENEMIES…PERISH at thy presence-**Ps97:5**-HILLS MELT like wax at…presence-**Js4:7**-Resist the devil and he will FLEE from you-**Ne8:10**-Joy of the Lord is your STRENGTH-**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-**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 your hand Jericho…[16]…Shout for the Lord HAS GIVEN you the city* [Things God has done get done]

IV. **Joy has expression-*Ph4:4***-*REJOICE always*-[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* **•Joy has expression-*Pr15:13***-*Merry heart makes a CHEERFUL COUNTENANCE-**Ps5:11**-SHOUT for joy-**Ps126:3**-We are GLAD* [joyful].[2]*Our mouth filled with LAUGHTER and our tongue with SINGING-*[3]***Lm5:15**-*The JOY of our heart is ceased; our DANCE turned into mourning* **•We rejoice by choice not by feeling**-***Ps118:24***-*WE WILL rejoice*

V. **How to joy-*2Sm6:14***-*DAVID DANCED before the Lord WITH ALL HIS MIGHT* [•***Ps150:4***-*Praise him with the timbrel and dance-**Ec3:4**-A time to dance* •Holding nothing back]*…girded with a linen ephod.[16]Michal…looked through a window…saw…David LEAPING* [spring, bound, jump] *and DANCING* [whirl, circle] *BEFORE THE LORD and she DESPISED him in her heart* [looked down on, hold in low esteem].[20]…*THEN DAVID RETURNED TO BLESS HIS HOUSEHOLD…came out to meet David…said, How GLORIOUS* [dignified] *was the king of Israel today who UNCOVERED HIMSELF…IN THE EYES the handmaids of his servants as one of the VAIN FELLOWS SHAMELESSLY*

uncovers himself! [•When you're rejoicing the devil is a buzzkill •King wore royal garment distinguishing him from common people; Ephod-Simple garment associated with serving before The Lord •Concerned about what he looks like; This will keep you from rejoicing •Acting like a worthless fool •The enemy tries to use shame to get you away from this •When you engage in this joy the devil will always send someone to squelch it, shame you, get you self-conscious]*21David said…IT WAS BEFORE THE LORD* [His attention is on The Lord not on how he looks] *which chose me before thy father…before all his house to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord…THEREFORE WILL I* PLAY [Laugh, make merry, rejoice] *BEFORE THE LORD.22And I WILL YET BE MORE VILE THAN THUS and will be BASE* [humble, unimportant in own estimation •Rejoicing demands humility] *in MINE OWN SIGHT…23Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.* [Despising this joy left her fruitless]

VI. **A thought can come and you can be fearful and sad about an outcome that hasn't happened yet-*2Ch20:2-*** *TOLD JEHOSHAPHAT…There comes a great multitude against you…in Hazazontamar…3Jehoshaphat FEARED-**Is7:2-*** *IT WAS TOLD the house of David…Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was MOVED-**Mt14:30-*** *When he SAW the wind boisterous he was AFRAID-**1Sm17:10-*** *Philistine SAID, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man that we may fight together.11When Saul…Israel heard those WORDS…they were DISMAYED and GREATLY AFRAID* **•If you can be sad based on the words of the enemy that have not even happened yet, then you can be glad based on the words of God that have not happened yet-*Jo2:21-*** *Fear not O land; BE GLAD* [rejoice greatly, joyful] *and REJOICE* [glad, joyful, merry]*: FOR* [because] *THE LORD WILL do great things.23BE GLAD then, ye children of Zion and REJOICE in the Lord your God FOR…HE WILL cause to come down for you the rain…24And the floors SHALL BE full of wheat…vats SHALL overflow with wine and oil.25And I WILL restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten…26And YE SHALL eat in plenty…be satisfied and praise the name of the Lord your God that has dealt wondrously with you…27And ye shall know that I AM IN THE MIDST of Israel…28And IT SHALL come to pass AFTERWARD that I WILL pour out MY SPIRIT upon all flesh…-**Ps56:2-*** *Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High.3What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.4In God I WILL PRAISE HIS WORD, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.9When I cry unto you then SHALL mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.10In God WILL I praise his word: in the Lord WILL I PRAISE HIS WORD.11In God have I put my trust: I will not BE AFRAID-**Ps9:1-*** *I will PRAISE you, O Lord, WITH MY WHOLE HEART;2I will be GLAD and REJOICE in you: I will sing praise to thy name…3WHEN mine enemies are turned back, they SHALL fall and perish at thy presence.* [To praise God's Word is to rejoice on the basis of it •Instead of being afraid about any outcome that hasn't happened we do this believing The Lord will do great things]

VII. **Our joy today is connected to what God does in your future-*Ps149:1-*** *PRAISE ye the Lord. SING unto the Lord a new song…2Let Israel REJOICE* [express joy] *in him that made him: let the children of Zion BE JOYFUL* [rejoice greatly] *in their King.3Let them praise his name in the DANCE* [circle]*: let them SING PRAISES unto him…*[Expressions of joy]*.4FOR* [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]*-**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]