



*PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word*  
*Fall 2023-2024*  
*Lecture Notes*  
*Minor Prophets Lesson 18*  
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## *The Strength of Joy*

*“Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Nehemiah 8:10b*

*Joy (Hedva)-gladness, rejoicing. This joy is found in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. The root meaning is to shine or be bright.*

*Strength (Maoz)-fortress, rock, place of safety, refuge, protection. Joy in the Lord is our \_\_\_\_\_.*

### *I. The Source of Joy is our Strength*

- *Joy is \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s being. Joy is the fellowship of the trinity. Jeremiah 33:11*
- *Joy is the outcome or \_\_\_\_\_ of a season of sorrow, suffering, and grief. Col. 1:24, Psalm 30:5, 126:5*
- *The source of joy is a \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 13:52*
- *The source of joy comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and in the glory of His holiness. Nehemiah 8:9*
- *\_\_\_\_\_ is the river of joy. Psalm 28:7*
- *\_\_\_\_\_ produces joy and joy introduces us to \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 55:12*

### *II. The Fullness of Joy is our Strength*

- *The fullness of joy is in \_\_\_\_\_. Psalm 16:11*
- *The fullness of joy is found in answered \_\_\_\_\_. John 16:24*
- *The fullness of joy is in \_\_\_\_\_ with our brothers and sisters in Christ. 2 John 1:12, Phn. 1:7, 2 Timothy 1:4*
- *The fullness of joy is confidence that the price of \_\_\_\_\_ holds the inevitable certainty of realizing the triumph in His. ~John Piper*

- *The fullness of joy is doing the will of the Father in \_\_\_\_\_ and accomplishing His work set before us. Matt. 25:21-23, John 15, Acts 20:24, Hebrews 12:2*
- *The fullness of joy is the \_\_\_\_\_ leading to salvation. God has restored and firmly established us in His family...there is no greater joy. Psalm 51:12*

### *III. The Flavor of Joy is our Strength*

- *The flavor of joy cultivates and promotes the joy of the Lord among God's people as a powerful source of \_\_\_\_\_. The light in our eyes rejoices the heart of others and our countenance radiates the joy of the Lord, which is our strength. Phil. 1:9, Heb. 4:16*
- *Focuses on \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of pain, sorrow, and grief. James 1:2*
- *The flavor of joy is humility, gratitude, forgiveness, \_\_\_\_\_, and celebration. This flavor comes from the fruit of the Holy Spirit as we meditate on God's Word. Isaiah 29:19, Nehemiah 8:12*
- *The flavor of joy \_\_\_\_\_ of life head on...anchored in faith. ~Allistar Begg*