

Praying As God's Family

Rejoicing and Weeping



Romans 12

- ò 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep
- ò 12-13 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality

Ecclesiastes-Strength in number

ò 4: 9 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. ¹⁰ For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. ¹¹ Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm *alone*? ¹² And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.

Ecclesiastes-Weeping

- ò 7:2-4 It is better to go to a house of mourning
Than to go to a house of feasting,
Because that is the end of every man,
And the living takes *it* to heart.
³ Sorrow is better than laughter,
For when a face is sad a heart may be happy.
⁴ The mind of the wise is in the house of mourning, While the mind
of fools is in the house of pleasure.

Ecclesiastes-God is in control

- ò 11: ⁵ Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones *are formed* in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things

Ecclesiastes-Rejoice

- ò 11:9 Rejoice, young man, during your childhood, and let your heart be pleasant during the days of young manhood. And follow the impulses of your heart and the desires of your eyes. Yet know that God will bring you to judgment for all these things. ¹⁰ So, remove grief and anger from your heart and put away pain from your body, because childhood and the prime of life are fleeting.

Weeping the sick and departed

- ò Jesus wept Lazerus-John 11:35
- ò Jesus felt compassion and healed-Matt.14:14



James 5:13-16

ò Is anyone among you suffering? *Then* he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵ and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.



Prayers for the sick and bereaved



Rejoicing with the new families

Psalm 127:3-5

- ò Behold, children are a gift of the Lord,
The fruit of the womb is a reward.
⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one's youth.
⁵How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them;
They will not be ashamed
When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Luke 18:15-17

- ò People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”



Rejoicing with the new families



Weep for the unfaithful

2 Thess. 3:14-15

- ò Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed. ¹⁵ Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer

Jesus and the lost-Lk. 14

- ò Lost sheep, coin, and son
- ò Points in these parables
 - One lost should be noticed
 - We should desire them back
 - We should seek them out
 - We should not lose hope for their return

James 5:19-20

- ò 20 My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back,²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.



Prayer for the unfaithful



**Rejoicing in those that
came to the Lord**

Luke 15

- ò A time of rejoicing!
- ò Since 2018



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