From Tears to JOY
Psalm 126

Sunday, July 14, 2019
AVBC 10:30 am

“...This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” – Nehemiah 8:10

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.” – Philippians 4:4

2) God’s Goodness Brings _________ (vs. 3-4)

- God’s LOVE (Grace, Mercy, Salvation, Judgment)
  - John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-5, 1 John 4:9-10
- God’s PRESENCE (Psalm 21:6)

“You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”
  – Psalm 16:11

3) Our Tears Bring a Harvest of _________ (vs. 5-6)

“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?”
  – Psalm 85:6

- Psalm 97:12, Habakkuk 3:18, Matthew 5:12, Romans 12:12, Philippians 3:1, 4:4

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1) God Cares For Every ___________ (vs. 1-2)

“The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.” – Psalm 37:23

- God Knows our needs (Matthew 6:8)
- God Meets our needs (Matthew 14:18-21, Matthew 6:26)
- God Blesses our needs (Philippians 4:19)

“And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.” – Luke 12:7

- Psalm 120-134 “Songs Of Ascent”

When was the last time you experienced real “JOY?”
(jubilation, happiness, exhilaration, exuberance...)

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