

Everyone talks about *happiness*, but we seldom hear the Biblical word *gladness*. Though only eight letters, few today use that word or experience its reality. Yet the Bible is full of gladness. That word is found nearly 50 times in Scripture.

Deuteronomy 28:47 tells us to serve the Lord “with joy and gladness of heart”. The people of Hezekiah’s day “sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped”. (2 Chronicles 29:30) Proverbs 10:28 says: “The hope of the righteous will be gladness.”

Isaiah said: “So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (Isaiah 51:11) John 20:20 says: “Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.”

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we can have supernatural joy and gladness, even during difficult circumstances. Add this word to your vocabulary, and let its reality fill your soul and spirit.

Psalm 4:7 “You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased.”