

Flash Theology: God is Happy (Father's Day)

God is *joyful*.

God is *happy*! (Zephaniah 3:17 NLT)

“One great part of the joy of the glorified will be the perfection of their characters, for he that is *holy* must be *happy*. Perfection of *holiness* must mean perfection of *happiness*, the two things must go together. Sin and sorrow cannot be divorced, and *holiness and happiness cannot be separated.*”

– Charles Spurgeon

FLASH FACT:

Hebrew: *asre* – happy, blessed

Hebrew: *simha* – joy, delight, gladness

Greek: *makarios* – happy, blessed

Greek: *chara* – joy, delight, great happiness

1. Joy is only found in God's presence. (Psalm 16:1-11 NLT)

“God cannot give us a *happiness* and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.” – C.S. Lewis

- a. The joy God offers me is *indestructible*. (Psalm 16:5 NLT)
- b. God's *boundaries* for me protect His *blessings* for me. (Psalm 16:6 NIV)
- c. God promises *stabilize* me when my *feelings fail* me. (Psalm 16:8 NLT)

2. God desires joy for me and my family. (3 John 1:4 NIV)

God's joy isn't something we *fall* into; sometimes we have to *fight* for joy.

“*All our life is like a day of celebration for us*; we are convinced, in fact, that God is always everywhere. We work while singing, we sail while reciting hymns, we accomplish all other occupations of life while praying.”

– Clement of Alexandria (AD 150–215)