

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12:2–6 (NIV)

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴In that day you will say: “Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

1. Fix your eyes on Jesus

Luke 2:8-14 (NIV)

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

2) Delight in God’s Presence through Worship and Prayer

Psalm 16:11 (NIV):

“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.”

3) Share the Love of Jesus with Others

Acts 20:35 (NIV):

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

4). Anchor Your Heart in God’s Promises

Nehemiah 8:10 (NIV):

“The joy of the LORD is your strength.”