

THE DEDICATION OF THE WALL

Nehemiah 12:27-47

Nehemiah 12:43 "Many sacrifices were offered on that **joyous** day, for God had given the people cause for great **joy**. The women and children also participated in the celebration, and the **joy** of the people of Jerusalem could be heard far away." (NLT)

REASONS WHY I CAN HAVE JOY IN THE LORD

Note: Scholars believe Psalm 147 may be one of the songs they sung during the dedication of the wall.

Psalm 147:1-2 ¹"Praise the LORD! How good to sing praises to our God! How delightful and how fitting! ²The LORD is **rebuilding Jerusalem** and **bringing the exiles back** to Israel." (NLT)

1. Because God is _____.

Psalm 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds."

2. Because God is _____.

Psalm 147:4-5 ⁴"He counts the stars and calls them all by name. ⁵How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension!"

3. Because God is _____.

Psalm 147:6 "The LORD supports the humble, but He brings the wicked down into the dust."

Psalm 147:7 "Sing out your thanks to the LORD; sing praises to our God with a harp."

4. Because God _____.

Psalm 147:8-9 ⁸"He covers the heavens with clouds, provides rain for the earth, and makes the grass grow in mountain pastures. ⁹He gives food to the wild animals and feeds the young ravens when they cry."

5. Because God is _____.

Psalm 147:10-11 ¹⁰He takes no pleasure in the strength of a horse or in human might. ¹¹No, the LORD's delight is in those who fear Him, those who put their hope in His unfailing love."

Psalm 147:12 "Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!"

6. Because God _____.

Nehemiah 147:13-14 ¹³For He has strengthened the bars of your gates and blessed your children within your walls. ¹⁴He sends peace across your nation and satisfies your hunger with the finest wheat."

7. Because God gives us the _____.

Psalm 147:15-20a ¹⁵He sends His orders to the world—how swiftly His word flies! ¹⁶He sends the snow like white wool; He scatters frost upon the ground like ashes. ¹⁷He hurls the hail like stones. Who can stand against his freezing cold? ¹⁸Then, at his command, it all melts. He sends his winds, and the ice thaws. ¹⁹He has revealed His words to Jacob, His decrees and regulations to Israel. ²⁰He has not done this for any other nation; they do not know His regulations ..."

BOTTOM LINE

Psalm 147:20b "... Praise the LORD!"

Nehemiah 8:10 "... Don't be dejected and sad, for **the joy of the Lord** is your **strength**." (NLT)

Nehemiah 8:10 "... Do not grieve, because **the joy of the Lord** is your **stronghold**." (HCSB)

Example of the Apostle Paul:

2 Corinthians 11:24-27 ²⁴Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. ²⁶I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not.^[c] ²⁷I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm." (NLT)

Paul wrote this below while in prison waiting to hear if he would be executed:

Philippians 4:4 "**Always** be full of **joy in the Lord**. I say it again—**rejoice!**" (NLT)