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Isaiah 9:3*

This past year we have faced many challenges, head on. The entire earth is in an upheaval, with the Kingdom of God increasing in power while we witness the kingdom of darkness disintegrating.

By God's grace, the Holy Spirit is intensifying the *fruits of the Spirit* in believers worldwide, especially love, joy and peace. Jesus Christ endured the cross for the *joy* that was set before Him (Hebrews 12:1-2). Joy is an indication that we know Christ and are filled with His Spirit. **Our joy is IN HIM**, who He is and what He's already done for us. When we know how much Christ loves us, how faithful He is, His power on our behalf and the incredible riches we've inherited in Him, we are filled with *everlasting* joy.

In Isaiah 9:3, the Holy Spirit revealed "*the joy of the harvest.*" It is by divine revelation that we must *steadfastly persist* in joy, which releases *great faith* to receive all that has been promised to during this year of the harvest. Joy marks us as *His*. It is a sign (to the enemy) that we have been saved.

The Holy Spirit has encouraging each of us to stand in A JOY FAST. We must not allow God's Holy Spirit to be silenced by the enemies' spirit of heaviness. We cast down fear, doubt, worry, anger, unforgiveness and strife. All these negative emotions serve to dampen our ability to receive all that God has for us in this season. The Lord has impressed me that THE JOY FAST is a yearlong, 24-7-365 fast. He wants a year of consecration to Him *in joy*, because He is preparing us for everlasting Kingdom life. *The Kingdom of God is living a life of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit* (Romans 14:17).

In the book of Joshua, the Lord gives Joshua instructions to take the city of Jericho and all its riches for the Lord's treasury.

Joshua 6:2-5:20

But the LORD said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. You and your fighting men should march around the town once a day for six days. Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. When you hear the priests give one long blast on the rams' horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town."

*When the people heard the sound of the rams' horns, **they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed,** and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it.*

As the children of Israel obeyed the Word of God, the walls fell that were standing between them and the treasures God was bringing into His house. Just as God instructed Joshua, God is asking us to march forward thinking, praising, singing and confessing our joy in all He's done. **In doing this, every demonic obstacle to God's best for us, to our healing, freedom and prosperity must fall.** God has given us JOY as a powerful weapon to consecrate ourselves to during this great harvest and anointing. **We** are a significant part of His harvest!

Why We Have Abiding Joy

Our Joy Is In –

- The Lord, in our God (Habakkuk 3:18; Isaiah 61:10)
- God's presence (Psalm 16:11; Acts 2:25-28; John 16:22)
- His love (John 15:9-12)
- The Kingdom of Heaven is ours (Matthew 13:44)
- Our salvation (Psalm 51:12)
- Our righteousness (Isaiah 61:10)
- Knowing we can ask in Jesus' Name and receive (John 16:24)
- Our trust in God's faithfulness (Psalm 5:11)
- The great reward ahead for persecution for Christ's sake (Luke 6:22-23)
- Knowing we will be rulers enjoying everlasting joy (Matthew 25:23)
- Knowing our names are written in heaven (Luke 10:20)
- Knowing the wealth of the world is ours (Isaiah 61:3)

Why Is Joy Important To God?

- **God Himself is** our exceeding joy (Psalm 43:4)
- The joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10)
- Joy is the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us (Romans 15:13; Acts 13:52)
- Righteousness, peace and joy is the Kingdom life of all believers (Romans 14:16-18)
- **Heaviness (lack of joy) is associated with the curse of the law (Deuteronomy 28:47-51), while joy is associated with the blessing and harvest of God (Isaiah 9:3)**
- We finish our God-given mission in joy (Acts 20:24)
- The presence of God and our knowledge of His presence create joy (Acts 2:25-28)
- Temptation and trials steal our joy (and the Word) if we have no root (Luke 8:13)
- Our joy is constant, not wavering when we realize that the Lord comforts us and makes us rejoice rather than sorrow (Jeremiah 31:13; Isaiah 61:2)



Abiding joy (in the Lord), like praise, has the power to remove burdens and destroys yokes. Joy is a gift from Jesus, flowing through His Holy Spirit, confirming our perfect fellowship with God. Joy is a manifestation of *great faith*.

Saints, God has already appropriated an enormous harvest of souls and blessings. Let us unite in what the Holy Spirit has called "The Joy of The Harvest." This is a time of consecration into the joy of the Lord. Below is a daily confession that we can share to remind us that we are in a special season set aside to celebrate our God, His love, and our inclusion in His harvest.

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Daily Confession
"The Joy Of The Harvest"

"Father God, in the Name of Jesus, I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garment of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10). I will fulfill my divine assignment with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything I have been given (Deuteronomy 28:47). Lord, You have multiplied my family and increased our joy. We rejoice before you having received the joy of the harvest (Isaiah 9:3). I cast out fear, doubt, worry, strife, unforgiveness, anger and every negative emotion that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). Jesus you said, "Ask in My Name and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 6:24). Thank you for hearing and answering all my prayers. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ (Ephesians 1:3, NLT). Thank you Jesus, that my name is in the book of life. I am filled with the joy of the Lord, healed and the wealth of the world is mine (Isaiah 60:5). Amen."

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