

Is God Fun? Does He love for you to have fun?

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FUN: <u>enjoyment</u>, light-hearted <u>pleasure</u>, playfulness, good humor, <u>amusing</u>
JOY: a feeling of great <u>pleasure</u> and <u>happiness</u>

Psalm 5 ¹¹ But <u>let them all be glad</u>, those who turn aside to hide themselves in you. <u>May they keep shouting for joy forever!</u> Overshadow them in your presence as they <u>sing and rejoice</u>. Then every lover of your name will <u>burst forth with endless joy</u>. TPT

Zephaniah 3 ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. <u>He will rejoice over you with joy</u>, He will be quiet in His love, <u>He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy</u>. NASB

Proverb 17 ²² <u>A joyful</u>, <u>cheerful heart brings healing to both body and soul</u>. But the one whose heart is crushed struggles with sickness and depression. TPT

Psalm 16 ⁹ My heart and soul explode with joy—full of glory! ¹¹ Because of you, I know the path of life, as I taste the fullness of joy in your presence. At your right side I experience divine pleasures forevermore! TPT

Psalm 68 ³ But <u>let all the righteous be glad!</u> Yes, <u>let them all rejoice in your presence and be carried away with gladness</u>. <u>Let them laugh and be radiant with joy!</u> TPT

REJOICE: feel or show great joy or delight

Isaiah 62 ⁵ As a young man marries the young woman *he loves*, so your builder-sons will marry you. As the bridegroom finds joy in *his union* with his bride, **so will your God take joy** *in his union with* **you!** TPT

Philippians 4 ⁴ Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow! ⁵And let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near. TPT

Psalm 35 ⁹ Then my fears will dissolve into <u>limitless joy</u>; my whole being will overflow with gladness because of your mighty deliverance. TPT

Ecclesiastes 3 ¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to <u>rejoice and to do good in one's</u> <u>lifetime</u>; ¹³ moreover, that every person who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the gift of God. NASB

PLEASURE: a <u>feeling of happy satisfaction and enjoyment</u>; <u>enjoyment and entertainment</u>, <u>as opposed to necessity</u>

Ephesians 1 ⁵⁻⁶ For it was always in his perfect plan to adopt us as <u>his delightful children</u>, through our union with Jesus, the Anointed One, so that his tremendous love that cascades over us would glorify his grace — <u>for the same love he has for the Beloved</u>, <u>Jesus</u>, <u>he has for us</u>. And <u>this unfolding plan brings him great pleasure</u>! ⁹ And through the revelation of the Anointed One, he unveiled his secret desires to us—the hidden mystery of <u>his long-range plan</u>, <u>which he was delighted</u> to implement from the very beginning of time. TPT

Luke 12 ³² So don't ever be afraid, dearest friends! <u>Your loving Father joyously gives you his kingdom with all its promises!</u> TPT

HAPPY: feeling or showing <u>pleasure or contentment</u>
HAPPY ABOUT: having a <u>sense of trust and confidence in a person</u>
LAUGH & DANCE

Ecclesiastes 3 ⁴ A time to weep and <u>a time to laugh</u>; A time to mourn and <u>a time to dance</u>. NASB

Genesis 21 ⁶ Sarah said, "<u>God has brought me laughter</u>, and everyone who hears about this will <u>laugh with me</u>." TPT

Job 8 ²¹ He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with joyful shouting. NASB

Psalm 126 ² <u>We laughed and laughed and overflowed with gladness</u>. We were left <u>shouting for joy</u> and <u>singing your praise</u>. All the nations saw it and joined in, saying, "<u>The Lord has done great miracles for them!</u>" TPT

Psalm 37 ¹³ God laughs at the wicked and their plans, for he knows their day is coming! TPT

Psalm 59 ⁸ <u>But you</u>, <u>Lord</u>, <u>break out laughing at their plans</u>, <u>amused by their arrogance</u>, scoffing at their sinful ways. TPT

Genesis 17 Then <u>Abraham laughed so hard he fell to the ground</u>, saying to himself, "How *in the world* <u>can a hundred-year-old man become a father</u>? How can my wife Sarah get pregnant at ninety?" TPT

Genesis 18 ¹² **Sarah laughed to herself** *with disbelief*, saying, "A woman my age – have a baby? After I'm worn out **will I now enjoy marital bliss** *and conceive* – and with my aged husband?" TPT

CELEBRATE: acknowledge a significant or <u>happy day</u> or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

Exodus 12 ¹⁴ 'Now this day shall be a memorial to you, and you shall <u>celebrate it as a feast to the</u> LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance. NASB

DELIGHT: please someone greatly; great pleasure

Psalm 35 ^{27b} ... "The Lord is great, and he delights in the prosperity of his servant." TPT

Psalm 37 $\,^4$ Find your delight and true pleasure in Yahweh, and he will give you what you desire the most. TPT

Isaiah 62 ⁴ You will never again be called the Abandoned One, nor will your land be called Deserted. **But you will be called My Delight Is in You**, and your land My Beloved Wife, for **Yahweh finds his delight in you and he married your land**. TPT

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