

A close-up photograph of several bright yellow tulips with green stems and leaves, set against a solid black background. The tulips are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others still budding. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the petals.

Joy
The Golden Key

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Within the walls of comprehension

There is a sect the mind cannot achieve.

Money, so demanding, cannot pay the asking price.

What then shall we do to find this chosen thing?

This treasure cannot be found in politics or power.

No leader can assign a declaration of command.

The courts cannot approve a law to follow through.

The wars of man and mind cannot retrieve this prey.

What then is this thing? Where then can we find?

Does it give strength and hope to fallen man?

Oh Yes, we can find, in the pages of God's word.

It's in the heart where true joy resides.

Joy in Worship

Psalm 100:1-2

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.

My heart sings for joy.

Psalm 84:1-2

How lovely are your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

I will praise you oh God.

Psalm 43:4

Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; and upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God.

Sing for joy and praises.

Psalm 98:4-6

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises. Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout joyfully before the King, the LORD.

Sing to him a new song

Psalm 33:3

Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

Sing with the voice of thanksgiving

Psalm 42:4

These things I remember and I pour out my soul within me for I used to go along with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God, with the voice of joy and thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Shout with the voice of joy

Psalm 47:1

O clap your hands, all peoples; Shout to God with the voice of joy.

Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob

Psalm 81:1

Sing for joy to God our strength; Shout joyfully to the God of Jacob.

Shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation

Psalm 95:1

O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Joyful shouts is in the tents of the righteous.

Psalm 118:15

The sound of joyful shouting and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

They dedicated the house of God with joy.

Ezra 6:15-16

This temple was completed on the third day of the month Adar; it was the sixth year of the reign of King Darius. And the sons of Israel, the priests, the Levites and the rest of the exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy.

My heart exults the Lord with joy.

Psalm 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.

My lips will shout for joy.

Psalm 71:23

My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; and my soul, which you have redeemed.

Let the earth break forth with joy.

Psalm 98:4

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

Sing with thankfulness in your hearts.

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

The Joy of the Church

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Joy over finding lost treasure

Matthew 13:44

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Rejoice because your name is written in heaven.

Luke 10:17-21

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. [20]
Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

Rejoice because the lost sheep is found.

Matthew 18:12-14

"What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?"

"If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. "So it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

The Lord speaks that you may have joy.

John 17:13

"But now I come to you; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

Rejoicing in hope

Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer.

The kingdom of god is joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:17-18

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.

In everything give thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Rejoice when men speak evil of you.

Matthew 5:11-12

"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Share you joy with others.

Philippians 2:17-18

But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

Rejoice, for the marriage of the lamb has come.

Revelation 19:7

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

Rejoice greatly in receiving God.

Acts 16:33-34

And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household.

He went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 8:38-39

And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. When they came up out of the water,

the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.

Rejoiced because they were worthy to suffer.

Acts 5:41

So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Rejoice when fiery trials come.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

Be overflowing with joy in affliction.

2 Corinthians 7:4

Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.

Rejoice, when weak, the Lord is strong.

2 Corinthians 13:9

For we rejoice when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you be made complete.

Receive the word with the joy of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:6

You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

Rejoice, for there is a better and lasting possession.

Hebrews 10:34

For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.

Rejoice, for your testing will produce endurance.

James 1:2-3

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Rejoice to see your stability in your faith in Christ.

Colossians 2:5

For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability of your faith in Christ.

You are the Lord's glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? For you are our glory and joy.

Thanks given for your joy.

1 Thessalonians 3:9

For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account,

Let joy be made complete.

Philippians 2:1-2

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

To ask Jesus to come into your heart please pray this Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and coming into my heart. I accept you as savior and will follow you as Lord. Amen.