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JOY OF THE WORD

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2 Timothy 3:14-16

¹⁴You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Messiah Yeshua. ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by G-d...

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so that the man of G-d may be adequate,
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2 Peter 1:14-19

¹⁴ knowing that the laying aside of my earthly dwelling is imminent, as also our Messiah Yeshua has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will also be diligent that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these things to mind.

2 Peter 1:14-19

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Messiah Yeshua, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from G-d the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"

2 Peter 1:14-19

¹⁸ and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

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2 Peter 1:20

²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation

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2 Peter 1:21

²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from G-d.

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Deuteronomy 11:18

"You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

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"You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.

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Deuteronomy 11:20-23

²⁰ "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the L-rd swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens remain above the earth.

Deuteronomy 11:20-23

²² "For if you are careful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you to do, to love the L-rd your G-d, to walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him, ²³ then the L-rd will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.

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Psalms 19:7-11

⁷ The law of the L-rd is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the L-rd is sure, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the L-rd are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the L-rd is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Psalm 19:7-11

⁹ The fear of the L-rd is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the L-rd are true; they are righteous altogether. ¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

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Psalm 119:9, 11, 24, 50

⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. ¹¹ Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You. ²⁴ Your testimonies also are my delight; they are my counselors. ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your word has revived me.

Psalm 119:72, 98-100

⁷² The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces. ⁹⁸ Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever mine. ⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Your precepts.

Psalm 119:101, 105, 107, 130

¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word. ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path. ¹⁰⁷ I am exceedingly afflicted; Revive me, O L-rd, according to Your word. ¹³⁰ The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:141, 143, 147, 162, 165

¹⁴¹ I am small and despised, Yet I do not forget Your precepts. ¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have come upon me, Yet Your commandments are my delight. ¹⁴⁷ I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Your words. ¹⁶² I rejoice at Your word, As one who finds great spoil. ¹⁶⁵ Those who love Your law have great peace, And nothing causes them to stumble.

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Joshua 1:6-7

⁶ "Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ "Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.

Joshua 1:8

⁸ "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

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Psalm 1:1-3

¹ How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

² But his delight is in the law of the L-rd, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

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1 Kings 2:1-3

¹ As David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, ² "I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man

1 Kings 2:1-3

³ "Keep the charge of the L-rd your G-d, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn,

Conclusion

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Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found and I ate them, and
Your words became for me a joy and the
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Your name, O L-rd G-d of hosts.

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