

ou may have believed before now that harvest brings about joy. That's not correct; it's actually the other way round. This perspective is grounded in the scriptures as we shall see shortly. A bountiful harvest can at best bring a farmer happiness, not joy. Spiritually speaking, it is the joy in your heart that will produce harvest. This joy is the one manufactured by the Holy Ghost. That is why Romans 14:17 says, the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Joy is the number-one enabler of harvest. According to Isaiah 12:3, **Therefore with** *joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.* Drawing out water as used in this verse is a form of harvest and we can see that it is dependent on Joy. Please note that the subject matter of this Rhema is not just about the physical harvest of a farmer. By harvest, I mean your glorious testimonies, blessings and answered prayers from the Lord. That's the kind of harvest brought about by the joy which the Holy Spirit ignites and fuels.

In an atmosphere of joy, the Holy Ghost will do within minutes what will take you more than a lifetime to accomplish. Where joy is lacking, even the physical harvest won't happen, let alone the supernatural one. Joel 1:12 tells us so: *The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.* All the trees dried up because of no joy. Farming scenario was used in the above scripture because that was the dominant vocation at the time. When your joy is low, your productivity will be low. Your current level is your joy level. *Joy is a spiritual virtue*; it is not manmade. Joy is different from happiness in that happiness is dependent on happenings. Happiness is caused by environmental situation or the condition of things but joy is from the inside. It does not depend on you receiving credit alerts or not. Joy is actually what to do to receive alert. It is what to do to command good things your way. *Harvest depends on joy*, not joy on harvest.

Everything about Habakkuk 3:17 is woeful yet the next verse says, *I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.* The speaker was saying that his joy is not dependent on yields of the tree, because according to verse 19, *The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.* You have to be joyful to walk upon high places – which is another form of harvest.

If joy is this powerful, we must therefore ensure that nothing steals it away from us. Let not the things around you steal your productivity by robbing you of joy. The Bible says, the joy of the Lord is our strength. Joy is a spiritual energy that produces results. No wonder we were told in James 1:2 to count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations. Life goes up when joy is up. Never let anything external or whatever you are experiencing to steal your joy. Psalm 4:7 makes a comparison between joy and harvest and chooses the former, thus: Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.

The psalmist is saying that he cherishes joy more than increase in corn and wine. This is because joy can generate increase in corn and wine. The increase referred to is external whereas joy is internal. You still have this joy when corn and wine are not showing any sign of increase. The joyful will always have access to abundance. Do note that your joy will determine your future.

Even when the earth is removed and the mountain heaves itself into the sea with the waters being troubled, Psalm 46:4-5 says, *There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.* 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The joy that delivers harvest is one which the Spirit of the Lord inspires in our hearts. We must therefore guide our hearts with all diligence so that external factors won't steal this joy from us. The scripture asks: **A broken spirit, who can bear?** – Prov 18:14. The person who is joyful is bound to enjoy the good things of life. Stop making count of the things that God has not done. My beloved, let joy rise on the inside of you today by laughing, singing praises to the Lord and dancing for Him. Phil 4:4 enjoins us to **rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!**

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1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

DATE	BIBLE TEXTS	DATE	BIBLE TEXTS
September 12	Revelation 16 & Haggai 1-2	September 16	Revelation 20 & Zechariah 10-14
September 13	Revelation 17 & Zechariah 1-3	September 17	Revelation 21 & Malachi 1-2
September 14	Revelation 18 & Zechariah 4-6	September 18	Revelation 22 & Malachi 3-4
September 15	Revelation 19 & Zechariah 7-9		



Successful completion of my book project

I want to thank God for my family, my husband, and for gift of life. I also want to thank God for the successful completion of my book project. There were times I had no clue as to what to write or how to continue writing, but the Holy Spirit always shows up, and now God has enabled me become the author of a book. Praise the Lord!

Sis. Fehintolu Adeyanju

We serve God of all possibilities in Highland Church

I want to bless the name of the Lord for making all things possible for me, especially in the month of August. God added a year to my years in August. Also, my mother moved into her own house. When everything looked so impossible, God turned up to show us grace. Sincerely, it is a good thing to trust God and put our hope in Him alone. Problems surrounding my mother's accommodation started last December when they gave her and other tenants quit notice after the owner handed over the house to a developer. Since then, we have been trying to get her a place to live. Coincidentally, my wedding was to happen about that time. I was caught in between securing an accommodation for my mother and also ensuring that I get married before the end of the second half of 2021. The God of all possibilities that we serve in Highland Church showed up and made everything happen with ease. Before the quit notice elapsed and her former house was demolished by the developer, God made my mother's own house ready and also made my wedding a success. It was a threeweek event and God took all the glory. These can only be God. Hallelujah!

Bro Oyebola Olaitan

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Prophetic Pronouncements

- You will be a wonder to your world.
- What you're expecting in 2022 will happen this September.
- If you desire a change of job, you shall get a new job this week.
- Harvest will be left for you on purpose this month.
- Your harvest will be fast tracked.
- There will be sudden promotion for you.
- Unexpected good news are coming your way
- The lord will satisfy you with long life. You won't die this year.
- The anointing to shine early in life is upon your life. You will be an early achiever in Jesus name
- God will expose and eliminate whoever is planning to trouble you.
- Get ready for a three-year harvest in one year.
- Your file with God is already receiving urgent harvest attention.

Confessions & Prayers for the Week

- *I will have something quality to show this month in the name of Jesus.*
- I'm ready to take delivery of my harvest.
- I break every yoke of barrenness and emptiness.
- I receive overflowing harvest in my direction.
- Harvest upon harvest is my heritage.
- The yoke of labour without result is destroyed.
- I see harvests everywhere this month in Jesus name.

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