**GOD’S DELIGHT IN YOU**

(Zep 3:17)

*“The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."*

 God is a Father who delights in us and sings over us.

Many people have a view of God: As a grumpy old man who has to get his way;

When we open the Bible, we encounter a very different God.

The God who delights. The God who sings. The God who saves.

Look again at Zephaniah 3.17*."The Lord your God is with you, the mighty warrior who saves. He will take delight in you, in his love he will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing."*

This is one of the most encouraging and inspiring verses you'll ever read;

* This is a deeply doctrine truth!

 Zephaniah 3.17 begins by declaring one of the most basic yet beautiful truths. 'The Lord saves.'

- While most of us tend to focus on what we are saved **from** – i.e. *judgement*,

- this verse emphasizes what we are saved **for**.

We are saved **FOR** Joy-Gods Joy.

* Many Christians overlook what we are saved for.

 3.17 declares that God is mighty to save and focuses on what God saves us for.

There are many facets to what we are saved for, but this verse has a threefold declaration;

a) That God delights in us,

b) That HE will no longer rebuke us;

c) That HE will rejoice over us is.

His rejoicing is one of the most beautiful sayings of God’s grace and love in all of the Bible.

1. The 1st part of this declaration is that God takes great delight in us.

That’s the wonderful picture of God who delights in us.

I hope this is really thrilling to you dear brothers & sisters.

This is “**WOW**”.

Just think! God delights in Sergei Segeivich.

God delights in Nadia Alexandrovna.

1. God gives us salvation peace.

Can you imagine God is no longer angry

His love covers us

His love saves and beautifies.

1. He rejoices over us.

Hallelujah for Vadim!

Hallelujah for Natasha!

Can you imagine God sings over Vovo.

God sings over Anya.

The Lord is the God who sings!

The God of the Bible sings!

He sings over His people.