

Hope, Peace, Love

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Week Four

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and now...

JOY

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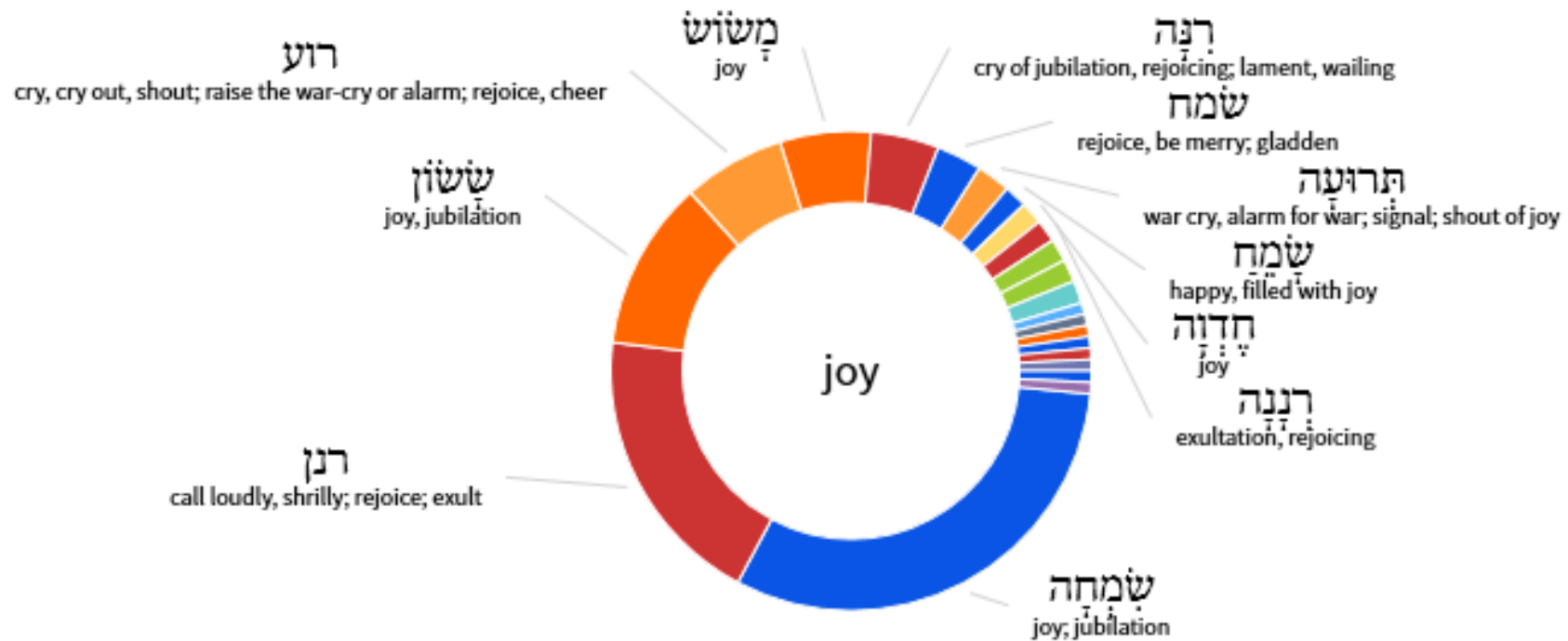
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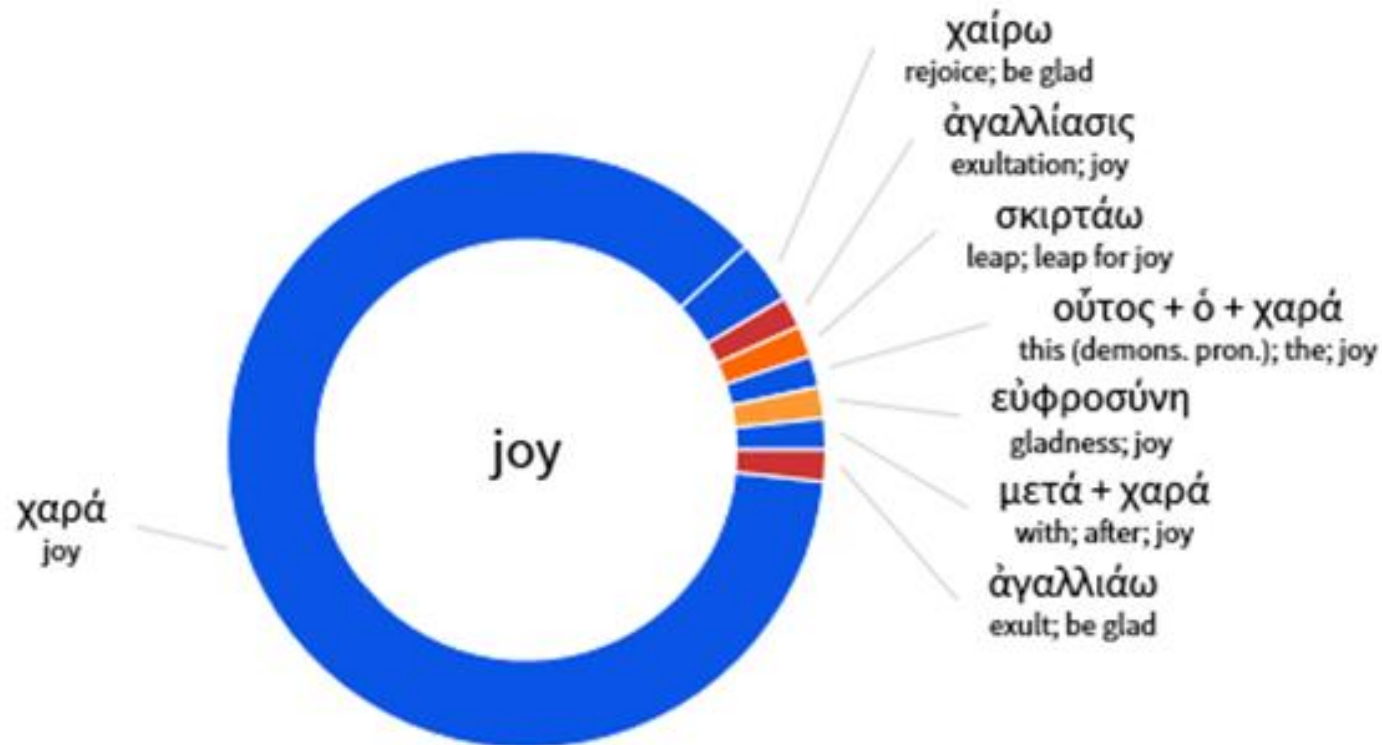
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Joy – in Hebrew (Old Testament)



Joy – in Greek (New Testament)



Joy

The Merriam-Webster dictionary definition:

“The passion or emotion, excited by the acquisition or expectation of good; pleasurable feelings or emotions caused by success or good fortune...”

FAIL

Joy

The Biblical 'definition'...

Joy is more a **state of being** than an **emotion**

Joy is something we delight in:

- in the **present** (now) and
- in the **future**

Psalm 5:11 But may all those who seek refuge in You **rejoice**; may they ever shout for **joy**, because You defend them; may those who love Your name be **joyful** in You.

Psalm 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of **joy**; at Your right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 27:6 Now my head will be lifted up above my enemies encircling me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of **joy** in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

Psalm 35:9 My soul will be **joyful** in the Lord; it will **rejoice** in His salvation.

Psalm 43:4 Then I will go to the altar of God, to the God of my **joyful gladness**; with the harp, I will give thanks to You, O God, my God.

Psalm 47:1 Clap your hands, all you people! Shout to God with a **joyful** voice.

Psalm 51:8 Make me to hear **joy and gladness**, that the bones that You have broken may **rejoice**.

Psalm 51:12 Restore to me the **joy** of Your salvation and uphold me with Your willing spirit.

Psalm 65:13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with grain; they shout for **joy**, they also sing.

Psalm 66:1 Shout **joyfully** to God, all you lands!

Psalm 89:15 Blessed are the people who know the **joyful** shout. They walk, O Lord, in the light of Your presence.

Psalm 95:1-2 O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a **joyful noise** to the rock of our salvation! Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a **joyful noise** unto Him with psalms!

Psalm 96:12 let the field be **joyful**, and all that is in it; then all the trees of the forests shall **rejoice**

Psalm 98:4 Make a **joyful noise** unto the Lord, all the earth; break out in loud songs, and sing praises.

Psalm 98:6 with trumpets and sound of the horn; make a **joyful noise** before the Lord, the King.

Psalm 98:8 let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be **joyful** together

Psalm 100:1 Make a **joyful noise** unto the Lord, all the earth!

Old Testament (Psalms)

Luke 2:10 But the angel said to them, "Listen! Do not fear. For I bring you good news of **great joy**, which will be to all people.

John 15:11 I have spoken these things to you, that **My joy** may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

Acts 2:28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me **full of joy** with Your presence.

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were **filled with joy** and with the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with **all joy** and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 2:3 I wrote concerning this matter to you, so that when I came, I would not be grieved by those in whom I ought to **rejoice**, having confidence in you all, that **my joy is your joy**.

2 Corinthians 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you; great is my boasting of you. I am filled with comfort, and I am **exceedingly joyful** in all our tribulation.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Philippians 1:25 Having this confidence, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for **your joyful** advancement of the faith,

Philippians 4:1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brothers, **my joy** and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my beloved.

1 Thessalonians 1:6 You became followers of us and the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with **the joy** of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, **or joy**, or **crown of rejoicing**? Will it not even be you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

1 Thessalonians 2:20 You are our glory and **joy**.

1 Thessalonians 3:9 For what thanks can we render to God for you, for **all the joy** with which we **rejoice** for your sakes before our God,

1 Peter 1:8-9 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and **glorious joy**, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation

New
Testament

what's ahead...

- Look at some Bible passages in more detail
- Three questions

1 Peter 1:6-9

*⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are **filled with an**
with an inexpressible and glorious joy,*

⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Psalm 96:11-13

*Let the **heavens rejoice**, let the **earth be glad**;
let the **sea resound**, and all that is in it.*

*Let the **fields be jubilant**, and everything in them;
let all the **trees of the forest sing for joy**.*

*Let all **creation rejoice** before the Lord, for he
comes,*

he comes to judge the earth.

Isaiah 35:10

... and those the Lord has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing;

***everlasting joy** will crown their heads.*

***Gladness and joy** will overtake them,*

and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

*Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
**yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.***

Luke 10:17-18

*¹⁷ The seventy-two returned **with joy** and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."*

*¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but **rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**"*

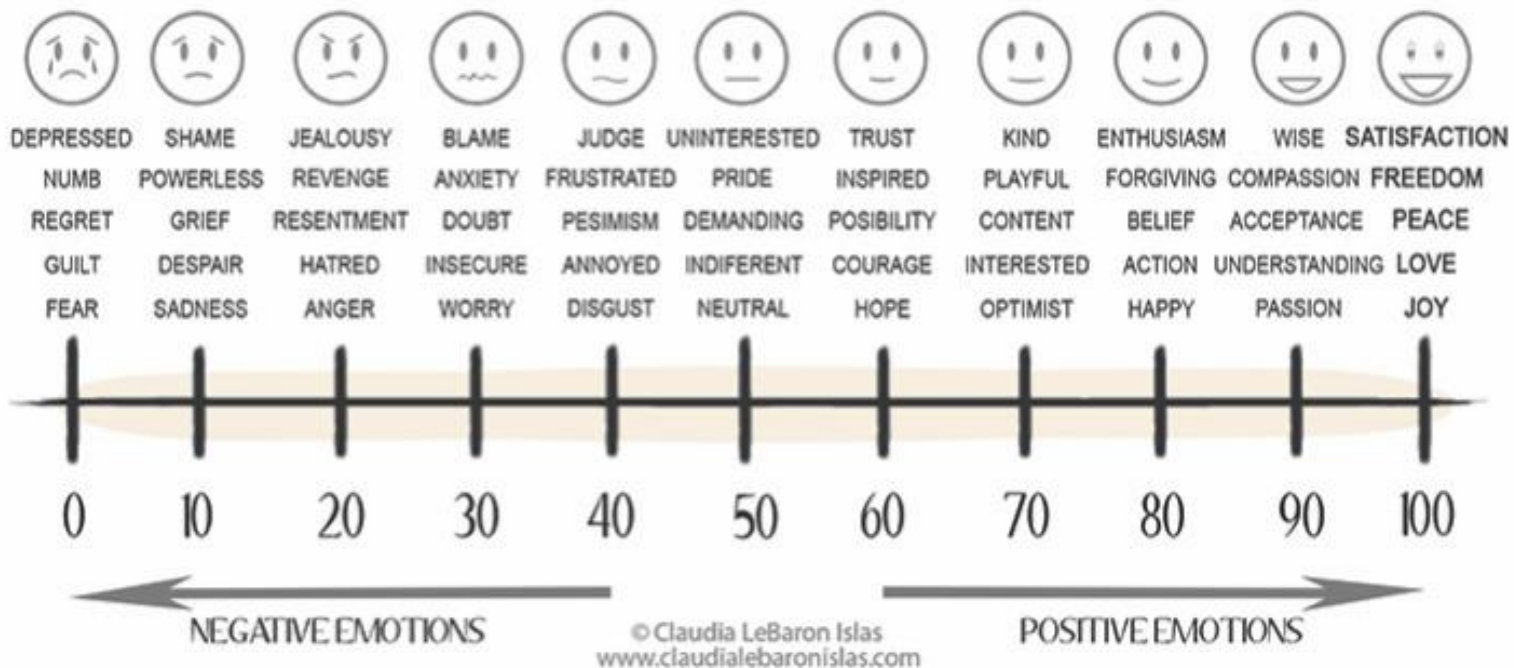
John 16:20-22

*²⁰ Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, **but your grief will turn to joy.***

James 1:2-4

*Consider it pure **joy**, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,
3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

• THE JOY SCALE •

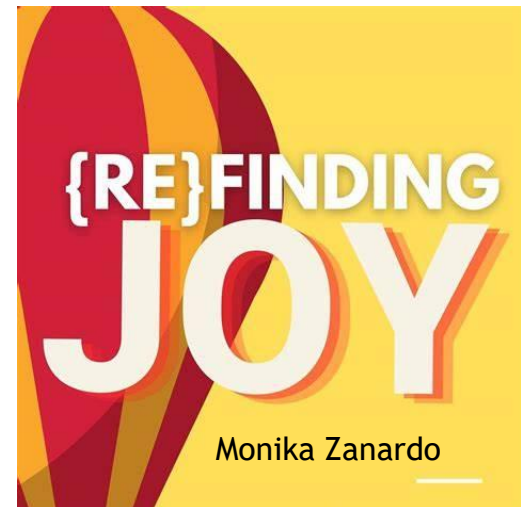


Where am I?

“Joy busters”

- Worry
- Fear
- Shame
- Guilt
- Comparison
- Disappointment
- Criticism
- Unforgiveness
- Bad attitudes

What steals away your Joy?



the questions

1. Where am I on the 1-10 Joy Scale?
2. What is a 'joy buster' for me?

already done...

which leaves one more question...

3. **What brings me joy?**

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