

I Wish You Laughter

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First Laugh

(God's Response to Rebels)

1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles." 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

12 The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; 13 but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming.

PSALM 37:12-13

6 They return at evening, snarling like dogs, and
prowl about the city. 7 See what they spew from their
mouths— the words from their lips are sharp as
swords, and they think, “Who can hear us?” 8 But
you laugh at them, Lord, you scoff at all those
nations.

PSALM 59:6-8

4 "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.
5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

LUKE 12:4-5

Second Laugh
(Restored Fortunes)

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. 2 Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." 3 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

PSALM 126:1-3

4 Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev. 5 Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. 6 Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

PSALM 126:4-6

He restores:

- Our souls - Psalm 23:3
- Our fortunes - Psalm 85:1, 126:4, Jeremiah 30:18,
- Our health - Psalm 41:3, Isaiah 38:16, Jeremiah 30:17
- His people - Psalm 53:6
- Our Joy - Psalm 51:12

He restores:

- Our ruins - Isaiah 44:26
- Our land - Isaiah 49:8
- Our comfort - Isaiah 57:18
- Our walk with Him - Lamentations 5:21

12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

19 A longing fulfilled is sweet to the soul, but fools detest turning from evil.

Third Laugh
(Answered Prayer)

24 Until now you have asked for nothing in My name;
ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be
made full.

JOHN 16:24

16 I will bless her (Sarah) and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."17 Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"

3 Abraham gave the name Isaac [He laughs] to the son Sarah bore him. . . . 6 Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." 7 And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

GENESIS 21:3, 6-7

Fourth Laugh
(The View of the Diligent)

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can
laugh at the days to come.

PROVERBS 31:25

- His laughter - deliverance to your soul
- The laughter of restored fortune - the seal on His promises to you
- The laughter of answered prayer - the testimony of a living faith
- The laughter of the diligent's future - filled with a loving Father with open arms

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