



LAUGHING

WARM UP: Who has a great laugh? What does their laugh mean to you?

STUDY: Laughter and Rejoicing

In each of the passages below, what is the meaning of the laughter? Why are people laughing or rejoicing?

[Genesis 17:17](#)

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?"

[Genesis 18:12](#)

So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

[Genesis 18:15](#)

Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

[Genesis 21:6](#)

Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me."

[Job 5:22](#)

You will laugh at destruction and famine, and need not fear the wild animals.

[Job 8:21](#)

He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.

[Job 12:4](#)

"I have become a laughingstock to my friends, though I called on God and he answered— a mere laughingstock, though righteous and blameless!

[Psalm 2:4](#)

The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

[Psalm 126:2](#)

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."

[Proverbs 14:13](#)

Even in laughter the heart may ache, and rejoicing may end in grief.



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[Proverbs 31:25](#)

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

[Ecclesiastes 2:2](#)

“Laughter,” I said, “is madness. And what does pleasure accomplish?”

[Ecclesiastes 7:6](#)

Like the crackling of thorns under the pot, so is the laughter of fools. This too is meaningless.

[Ecclesiastes 10:19](#)

A feast is made for laughter, wine makes life merry, and money is the answer for everything.

[Leviticus 23:40](#)

On the first day you are to take branches from luxuriant trees—from palms, willows and other leafy trees—and rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

[Deuteronomy 12:7](#)

There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you.

[Deuteronomy 12:12](#)

And there rejoice before the LORD your God—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites from your towns who have no allotment or inheritance of their own.

[Deuteronomy 14:26](#)

Use the silver to buy whatever you like: cattle, sheep, wine or other fermented drink, or anything you wish. Then you and your household shall eat there in the presence of the LORD your God and rejoice.

[Deuteronomy 26:11](#)

Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

[Song of Solomon 1:4](#)

Take me away with you—let us hurry! Let the king bring me into his chambers. Friends: We rejoice and delight in you ; we will praise your love more than wine. She: How right they are to adore you!

[Luke 15:9](#)

And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’



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[Romans 12:15](#)

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

[1 Corinthians 12:26](#)

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

[Philippians 2:18](#)

So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

SUMMARY: What is the meaning of laughing and rejoicing?

MORE REASONS?