

Everlasting Joy

Sometimes it feels as though I'm walking around in a fog. During these times it is difficult for me to have a firm grip on what lies ahead. One of the things that Jesus said that He was sent to do was to restore sight to the blind (see Luke 4). While physical blindness prevents us from seeing where we are going in the natural, spiritual blindness holds us in a place of darkness, despair and hopelessness. According to Proverbs 29:18 those who have no vision are doomed to destruction. That is why it especially important during the times when we feel that we have lost our way, that we hold on to God's promises. No matter how dark the circumstances of our life may be, the Truth of God's word will be a lamp to our feet and light for our path.

Is 61:7 is a beautiful prophetic promise to those who are willing to take up the cross of their present circumstances and look forward to the promise that Jesus offers. You WILL possess double prosperity and everlasting joy AFTER you have gone through the trials and the fires. Verses 1-3 of this chapter describe the "current" circumstances that Jesus came to deliver us from: affliction, brokenhearts, captivity, prison, mourning, and fainting.

To be honest, I've had more than my fair share of these working in my life in the last few months! The only thing that has kept me from losing my vision (and my mind) has been knowing God's faithfulness. He has never forsaken me. My hope is in Him and Him alone. It's not what I see right in front of me, it's what I see in my spirit that counts. It's the vision of God's promises that brings hope, healing and everlasting joy to my soul. So even though my NOW may be a bit shaky and foggy, my future is secure in Him. I am confident that He who began a good work in me is able to finish what He has started!

So today I will hold fast to my confession and believe in the promise of God's word that I will receive a double portion of prosperity (healing, wholeness, deliverance) and joy. I will look over and beyond the wall of my circumstances and see with eyes of faith the good things God has stored up, prepared and ready for me. My help and my vision come from my God who is working all things to my good!

Prayer: My Father in Heaven. Holy is Your name. Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in my life, even as it is being done in Your heavenly realm. Give me this day my daily bread and forgive me of my sins and trespasses as I forgive those who sin against me. Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil. For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and Glory forever. Amen!



Isaiah 61:7 You shall possess double prosperity and everlasting joy!