
Joy

Scripture Companion

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so light will shine on your ways.”
— Job 22:28 (NKJV)*

These scriptures accompany the powerful Gospel song Joy by RAYE. Each passage grounds the song's declarations of freedom, identity, and joy in the living Word of God. Use this guide for personal devotion, small group study, or quiet reflection.

THE POWER OF DECLARATION

Job 22:28 (NKJV)

You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.

The scriptural foundation for speaking declarations of faith over your life.

Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Our words carry spiritual weight — this song chooses life.

Matthew 16:19 (NIV)

Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

The authority Jesus gives believers to speak against spiritual bondage.

FREEDOM FROM CHAINS — SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

The chains and whispers in the song have a spiritual origin — and must be addressed spiritually.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Freedom is already purchased — declaration lays hold of what Christ has done.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NIV)

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

There is a war in your mind — but divine weapons are available to win it.

GOD HEARS THE CRY OF THE BROKEN

Psalm 34:17-18 (NIV)

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Heaven hears — God is not distant from the one crying out in pain.

Isaiah 61:3 (NIV)

To bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

Sadness does not have the final word — God exchanges it for joy.

CLEANSING AND SURRENDER

Psalm 51:2 (NIV)

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

The prayer of a heart that lets God wash over it completely.

Titus 3:5 (NIV)

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

God's cleansing is not just physical — it is a deep, spiritual renewal.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

Letting go is possible because of what Christ has already accomplished.

COVERED UNDER HIS WINGS

Psalm 91:4 (NIV)

He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

The direct scriptural source of the song's most tender line.

Matthew 23:37 (NIV)

How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

Jesus Himself used this image — the sheltering wings express His deepest longing for us.

Ruth 2:12 (NIV)

May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

A blessing for all who run to God as their shelter.

JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

Psalm 30:5 (NIV)

Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

The scriptural spine of the entire song — sorrow is real, but it is not permanent.

John 16:20 (NIV)

You will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.

Jesus Himself promised the turning — it is guaranteed, even when the timing is His.

Nehemiah 8:10 (NIV)

Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

This joy is supernatural — not circumstantial happiness, but God-given strength.

Romans 8:18 (NIV)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

The eternal perspective that makes morning worth waiting for.

I AM SOMEBODY — GOD-GIVEN IDENTITY

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them.

Every human being carries the imprint of God — you are somebody because He made you.

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

You are God's poiema — His poem, His masterpiece, His work of art.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

This is who God says you are — chosen, royal, holy, and His.

SOMEONE IS PRAYING FOR YOU

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)

The Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans... the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Even when you cannot find words, the Spirit prays on your behalf.

Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)

He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Right now, at this moment, the risen Jesus is interceding for you.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

The war in the mind is won through transformation, not just willpower.

Whatever night you are in — cry if you need to, declare what God has said, and know: your joy comes in the morning.

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