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IT'S A GOOD DAY

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"This is the day which the Lord has brought about; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

This is a praise statement that is preceded by an account of writer which expresses an assortment of events wherein Jehovah has been the Deliverer and Strength needed to prevail. It is clearly the mindset of the psalmist that each day is to be viewed as a new day which our Lord brings into existence and all that occurs in it is part of the evolving of that new day. Our humanity can read this and make a mental assent to it, but always walking in this reality is a daily adjustment for us. Just as each day comes, we must make a decision each day to rejoice and be glad in that day as it was prepared, designed, approved and dispersed by God.



We describe our days as good and bad and I'm beginning to see that our adjectives are having a more powerful effect on our view of the day than what God has put in His word. It is pretty tough to convince our mind to rejoice and be glad in a day we describe as bad. When we think it's a good day, then it's easier to rejoice and be glad in that day. The psalmist didn't describe what type of day it is. The Holy Spirit had the writer state the facts. The first fact is the Lord brought it about. Since He brought it about, then we must accept He has provided us the grace to have a successful day in our handling of the unpleasantness it may bring. In verse 5, the psalmist mentions that he called on the Lord out of his distress then the Lord answered and set him free into a large place. There are days He brings to us where we need to do just that.

In verse 18 the writer states the Lord chastened him sorely, but not unto death. There will be days He brings chastening, but it won't kill us. I suggest we change our tendency to describe our days in terms of good and bad. The truth is that what is packaged into our day is designed to bring us to a level of growth in Christ which is needed for our maturity into His stature. We can rejoice and be glad in it as we know for sure it comes to grow us and prepare us for our ultimate transformation into glory with our eternal bodies to dwell forever in His presence. We rejoice through it as we see the outcome not the process.

In essence, every day is a good day, as we rejoice and are glad that we have a glorious life now and forevermore in the Lord!

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