“Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.” (Psalm 149:2)

Be happy, believer, but take care that your happiness has its foundation in the Redeemer (LORD/Jehovah). You have much to rejoice about. You can sing with David, “The strong one (God/Elohim) my exceeding joy” (Psalm 43:4 “Then I will go to the altar of the strong one (God/Elohim), to the strong one (God/Elohim) my exceeding joy; and on the harp I will praise You, O strong one (God/Elohim), my strong one (God/Elohim”)”. Be glad that the Redeemer (LORD/Jehovah) reigns, that the Redeemer (LORD/Jehovah) is King! Rejoice that He sits on the throne and rules all things!

Every attribute of the strong one (God/Elohim) should be a fresh ray in the sunlight of our happiness. That He is wise should make us glad, for then we know our own foolishness. That He is mighty should cause us to rejoice, for we tremble at our weaknesses! That He is everlasting should always be the theme of our joy, knowing how we wither as the grass. That He is unchanging should perpetually yield a song, since we change every hour.

He is full of grace. He overflows with grace. Grace is the covenant He has given to us. It is ours to cleanse us, ours to keep us, ours to sanctify us, ours to perfect us, ours to bring us to glory. All this should make us glad in Him.

Gladness in the strong one (God/Elohim) is like a deep river, and we have only touched its banks. We know little of its clear, sweet, heavenly streams. Onward the depth is greater and the current more powerful in its joy.

The Christian delights not only in what the strong one (God/Elohim) is, but also in all that the strong one (God/Elohim) has done. The Psalms show that the strong one’s (God’s/Elohim’s) people thought much about the strong one’s (God’s/Elohim’s) actions and had a song concerning each one. So let the strong one’s (God’s/Elohim’s) people rehearse the deeds of the Redeemer (LORD/Jehovah)! Let them tell of His mighty acts and “sing to the Redeemer (LORD/Jehovah) for He has triumphed gloriously” (Exodus 15:1 “Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the redeemer (LORD/Jehovah), and spoke, saying, “I will sing to the redeemer (LORD/Jehovah), for he has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea”!”)

Let us not cease singing. As new mercies flow, our gladness in the Redeemer’s (LORD’s/Jehovah’s) loving acts and grace should make us thankful. Let us be glad and rejoice in the Redeemer our strong one (LORD our God/Jehovah our Elohim).

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