

EVENING WORSHIP

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Text: **Acts 2:22-28**

Title: **Full of Joy**

GOD IS THE SOURCE OF JOY

1. Because the LORD is always before us
 - a) The LORD is present with us
 - b) The LORD is consistently there for us
 - c) The LORD protects us
 - d) The LORD leads us
2. Because the LORD is at our right hand
 - a) The LORD is near to us
 - b) The LORD upholds us
 - c) The LORD strengthens us
 - d) We can depend on Him
3. Purpose and Goal: That we may not be shaken
 - a) There is no need to fear
 - b) There is no need to doubt
 - c) There is no need to stumble
 - d) The LORD will hold us steady

OUR GOOD AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSES TO THE JOY THAT GOD GIVES

1. Our hearts rejoice
 - a) Joy that is not superficial
 - b) Joy that comes from the heart
 - c) Deep joy in the LORD

2. Our tongues are glad

- a) Joy in the heart must be expressed
- b) Our tongues are used to express the joy of the heart

3. Our flesh rests in hope

- a) Hope is the undergirding principle
- b) Death is not the end
- c) There is the hope of the resurrection
 - i) Our souls will not be left in Hades
 - ii) We will be given resurrected bodies one day
- d) This gives us a deep sense of assurance

THE HOPE OF FULLNESS OF JOY

1. The LORD has made known to us the ways of life

- a) God has set different paths for each of us in life
- b) To each of us God makes known the ways of life

2. The LORD will make us full of joy in His presence

- a) When we walk according to God's ways, His presence will be there with us
- b) We will find fullness of joy in His presence

THE SEARCH FOR FULLNESS OF JOY

1. Searching for fullness of joy

- a) In knowing God
- b) In relating to God
- c) In serving God
- b) In the hope of being with God in heaven one day

2. Obtaining fullness of joy

- a) Experiencing glimpses of joy

b) Seeking fullness of joy in God's presence