

Title: **“For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work”**

Text: **Psalm 92**

INTRODUCTION

1. A prayer of thanksgiving and praise
 - a. Prayer is not only to be made in times of need
 - b. Prayer also involves thanksgiving and praise to God (Psalm 92:1)
 - c. Thanksgiving and praise come from a heart that is glad (Psalm 92:4)

2. The things in life that bring gladness
 - a. Special seasons
 - i. Chinese New Year is a special season of joy
 - ii. There are many expressions of joy associated with it
 - b. Special people
 - i. Our family and children
 - ii. Our loved ones

3. Above all, God is our special source of gladness
 - a. God wants to put a special gladness in our heart (Psalm 92:4)
 - b. Our challenge
 - i. To receive this gladness well
 - ii. To cultivate it within our hearts

CULTIVATING GLADNESS WITHIN OUR HEART

1. By appreciating God's work personally (Psalm 92:12-14)

"For You, LORD, have made me glad through Your work"

- a. He has promised to bless our lives wonderfully
 - i. He will bless the righteous (Psalm 92:12-15)
 - ii. But not the wicked (Psalm 92:7)
- b. A life that is blessed by God is likened to a strong tree (palm tree, cedar tree) (Psalm 92:12)
 - i. It is planted
 - ii. It grows
 - iii. It flourishes
 - iv. It is fruitful
- c. Even in old age, the tree remains strong (Psalm 92:14)
 - i. Fresh
 - ii. Flourishing
 - iii. Fruitful

2. By responding in thanksgiving and praise

- a. It is good (Psalm 92:1)
 - i. To give thanks to the LORD
 - ii. To sing praises to His name
- b. It is good to do so regularly (Psalm 92:2)
 - i. Morning and evening
 - ii. Thinking about the faithfulness and lovingkindness of God

CONCLUSION

1. Wishing you the Lord's special blessing of joy this CNY
 - a. Not only joy from earthly things
 - b. But a special gladness from the LORD Himself

2. Let us also be challenged to cultivate this heart of gladness
 - a. Take time to reflect
 - i. How God has blessed
 - ii. How God has provided and protected all these years
 - iii. How God has given you a faith that remains fresh and flourishing
 - b. Take time for thanksgiving and praise
 - i. As an expression of our joy in the Lord
 - ii. Because He has been so good to us