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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

**Isa. 61:10** *I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. (NIV)*

Isaiah makes an important statement when he says, I delight greatly in the LORD. Now what exactly does this mean? To delight greatly means to rejoice no matter the circumstances. This is the difference between happiness and true joy. Happiness depends upon the happenings around us. Joy comes from the inside. It is a choice to have joy. A person might pursue happiness, but can choose joy. Isaiah's greatest joy was always found in the LORD. In fact, so much so that his soul (his innermost being) rejoices in his God. **Phil. 4:4** *Rejoice in the LORD always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (NIV)*

For He has clothed me with garments of salvation. This is the beautiful picture of atonement. From the beginning, the LORD clothed Adam and Eve after their sin. He was showing them that He could cover them. For that to happen, the animal had to die. Someone or something had to be given so that they could be covered. Isaiah says that the LORD has clothed or covered me with garments of salvation. What we could never do for ourselves, He did for us. Notice he says a robe of **His righteousness**. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! If not for the LORD and what He has done for us, we would surely have no hope. But, because of His great love for us, we can experience freedom from our bondage and release from the penalty of sin.

**Dear LORD, we delight greatly in You today. Our soul rejoices in You alone. You have covered us with Your salvation. You made atonement for us by the blood of Your precious Son. We are blessed! In Jesus Name, Amen**