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

Ps. 70:4 *But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who long for Your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"* (NIV)

The word seek here is **baqash** means to look for, hunt, examine and request of the Lord. I feel that one of the issues that we have with staying 'in' the Lord is the continual realization of whose we are. We have been bought with a price that could not be paid in any other way. Only the precious blood of the Lamb of God could purchase us. So, the question for us is are we seeking Him? **Jer. 29:13** says *You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.* (NIV) This comes only from a heart that is being continually given over to Him. And it is for everyone (all) who seek Him. This is not just for a select few as some believe. This is for all who will call upon the name of the LORD. **Rom. 10:12-13** *For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same LORD is LORD of all and richly blesses all who call on Him, for "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."* (NIV)

David then states that those who will seek the LORD will rejoice and be glad 'in' Him. Again, this is the place of communion and abiding in the relationship with the Father. We are safe in Him. We are whole in Him. We are loved in Him. We are blessed in Him. We find rest in Him. We have hope in Him. We are saved in Him. These are just some of the blessings that we receive when we dwell in the presence of the LORD.

Now David was also looking forward to the salvation of the LORD. Jesus had not yet come as the Messiah and made the sacrifice for atonement. But David knew that time would come, and it did! David's response? Let us always say: The LORD is great! He is. Always has been. Always will be!

Dear LORD, You are great! We praise You and exalt you among the people. Help us not to focus on self today, but help us to walk in You and You alone. It is there we will experience real and abundant life! In Jesus Name, Amen