

God's Attributes Part 5 Joy May 2026

Joy is described as a permanent state derived from internal (spiritual) faith that stays through challenges.

Happiness is often temporary, external and contingent on positive circumstances.

True joy is a profound, lasting state often found in spiritual faith and connection, rather than temporary happiness dependent on the current circumstances.

John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

The primary source of joy is through Jesus maintaining a grateful heart, and nurturing deep relationships and connections.

Joy is a choice and one of the fruits of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control: against such things there is no law.

This joy through Jesus is inexpressible and glorious joy that remains even in trials.

James 1:2-4 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Notice the verse says “when” you encounter trials not “if” you encounter trials. Trials will happen in this earthly life.

The Holy Spirit gives us joy as a spiritual gift that persists. Read Galatians 5:22-23 again.

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our hope, and joy, is in looking forward to an eternity with God.

God's presence and word gives us a sense of fullness and deep joy when we immerse ourselves in scripture to find intimacy with God. Going to church on Sundays and maybe a few bible studies is not going to give you intimacy with God. You have to be willing to spend time with God and in His word. This is why we were created in the first place. Make reading God's word a priority in your life.

Gratitude and service in helping others creates a deep satisfaction rather than fleeting happiness.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Romans 12: 10-13, 1 Samuel 12:24, Psalm 107:1, James 1:17

Reflection: Let God reveal His joy to you. Choose joy in all circumstances.

Listen to the song by Phil Wickham “What an Awesome God”

God is great, give Him all the praise
Hallelujah, Name above all names
Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins

Everywhere, His glory on display
Take a look at those stars, He can name 'em all
Before His throne every knee falls
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise
Even the winds and waves obey

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns (He reigns)
From Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God (our God)
Our God (our God) is an awesome God, He reigns
From Heaven above with wisdom (with wisdom), power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

And even when I ran, He didn't run away
He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame
Sunday morning rose up from that grave
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King
Oh, let all the saints and the angels sing

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns
From Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God
Our God (our God) is an awesome God, He reigns (He reigns)
From Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

Eyes on the sky, there will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear, no more pain
No more sorrow, sin or shame
The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are, I'll sing to You

My God, You're an awesome God
You're great in all You do
I'm made to worship You
My God, You're an awesome God
What an awesome, awesome God You are
No one like You, none beside You
God, we worship You

You're worthy, You're worthy
(With wisdom, power, and love) with wisdom, power, and love
(Our God is an awesome God) oh, forever we sing

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God (yes, our God is an awesome God)
Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love

Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God

Our God, what an awesome God