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Topic: Rejoice in difficult times

Psalm 27.4
One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

Psalm 44.21 Would not God find this out?
For He knows the secrets of the heart.

Having a right heart towards God

Self-awareness toward your heart state
[Psalm 139.23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
24And see if *there is any* wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.]

1 Samuel 16.7
But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Luke 6.27 “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. 31And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

Why must you forgive?

A) So you don’t You lose your inheritance

Due to traumatized outbursts - Genesis 49.5-7 Jacobs blessings over Simeon and Levi were a response to their irresponsible conduct:

“Simeon and Levi *are* brothers;
Instruments of [a]cruelty *are in* their dwelling place.

6Let not my soul enter their council;
Let not my honor be united to their assembly;
For in their anger they slew a man,
And in their self-will they [b]hamstrung an ox.
7Cursed *be* their anger, for *it is* fierce;
And their wrath, for it is cruel!
I will divide them in Jacob
And scatter them in Israel.

B) God exempts / immunizes you from your transgression

We reap what we sow. If we sow forgiveness, then we receive immunization (mercy) in time of need. Mark 11:25 - And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

C) **Brings you freedom and liberty - Romans 8:6** For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

D) You have right standing with God just as if we have never transgressed

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 103.11 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,Nor punished us according to our iniquities. 11For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us. [this means forgotten]