



“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit...”
(Luke 10:21)

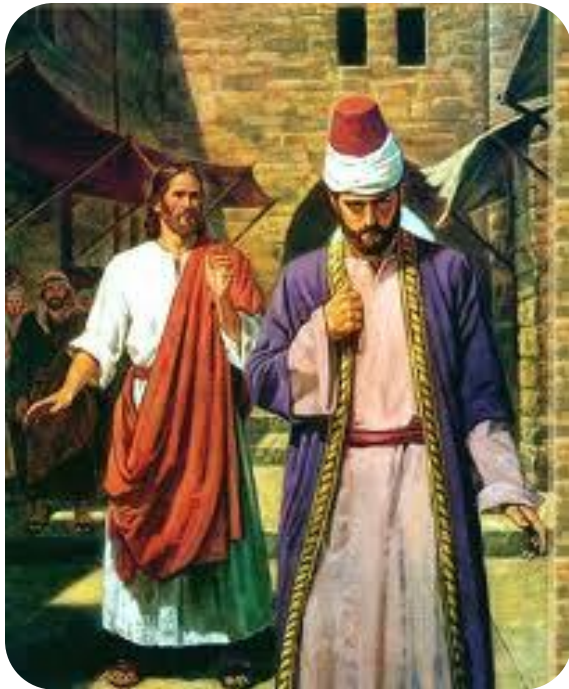
Making the Heart of God Rejoice

1. Our names being written in heaven

- “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because **your names are written in heaven.**” (Luke 10:20)
- “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and **church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven...**” (Heb 12:22-23)
- “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Rev 20:15)

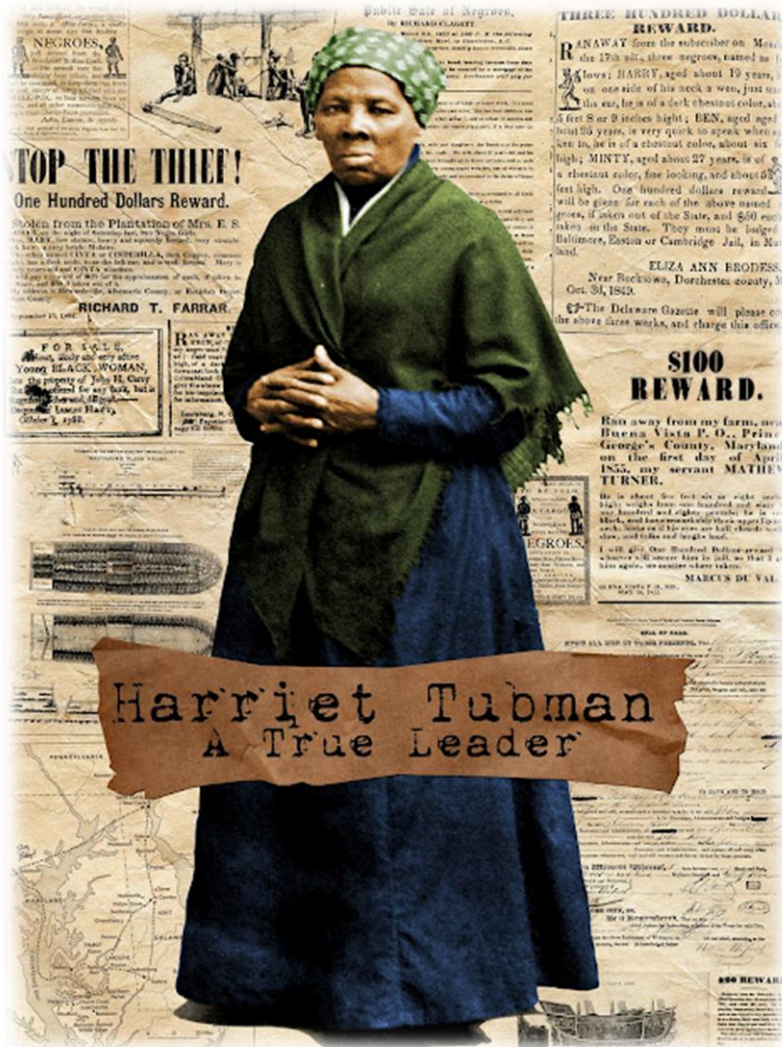


2. Choosing Him over everything else¹



- “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (Luke 10:25)
- “Do this and you will live.” (Luk 10:28)
- The Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10)
 - “Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, ‘One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.’ But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.” (Mark 10:21-22)

2. Choosing Him over everything else²



- The rich man couldn't enter the Paradise of Joy not because he wanted to be bad, but because he chose to be blind.
- *"I freed thousands of slaves; I could have freed more if they knew they were slaves."*
– Harriet Tubman

3. The gospel is revealed to babes

- “In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, ‘I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes.’” (Luke 10:21)
- “But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.” (Isaiah 64:8)
- “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezk 36:26)



4. When our heavenly bank account grows

“Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. **Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven.**” (Luke 6:22-23)



5. Our Repentance

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety- nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘**Rejoice with me**, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety- nine just persons who need no repentance.” (Luk 15:4-7)



Summary

What makes the heart of God rejoice?

1. Our names being written in heaven
2. Choosing Him over everything else
3. That the gospel is revealed to babes
4. When our heavenly bank account grows
5. Repentance