

# God's Delight Comes in His Enjoyment of Our Company

by David Wilkerson

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*The cross of Christ provides open access to God, allowing him to come out to us and experience joy and peace in serving the Lord.*

**Scripture:** Matthew 27:51, Hebrews 10:19

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## Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes that the cross of Christ has opened a direct path for humanity to access God's presence, marking a pivotal moment in history when the temple veil was torn. This act not only allowed people to approach God but also signified God's initiative to reach out to humanity, breaking down barriers that once separated them. Wilkerson highlights that true joy and peace come from recognizing God's delight in our deliverance and the communion He desires with us. He urges believers to understand that while they may celebrate their freedom from sin, the ultimate purpose is to draw closer to God Himself. The message calls for a deeper appreciation of the relationship God seeks with His people, beyond mere deliverance.

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## Transcript

The Lord has great joy that the cross has provided us with open access to himself. Indeed, the most glorious moment in history was when the temple veil was rent in two, on the day that Christ died. At that moment, the earth trembled, the rocks rent and the graves were opened.

It was at this very moment that the benefit to God burst forth. In the instant that the temple veil -- separating man from God's holy presence -- was torn asunder, something incredible happened. From that point on, not only was man able to enter into the Lord's presence, but God could come out to man.

He who once dwelt in "thick darkness" didn't wait for us to come to him, but he came out to us. God himself took the initiative, and Christ's blood cleared away all hindrances. It was a unilateral move on the Lord's part, the kind when one party declares, "Enough -- I'm going to make peace. I'm going to tear down this wall of partition. And I'll do it out of my own initiative."

Before the cross, there was no access to God for the general public; only the high priest could enter the Holy of holies. Now Jesus' cross made a path for us into the Father's presence. By his grace alone, God

tore down the wall that blocked us from his presence. Now he could come out to man, to embrace his prodigals and sinners of all sorts.

Here is the key to my message: you cannot come into joy and peace -- indeed, you cannot know how to serve the Lord -- until you see his delight in your deliverance...until you see the joy of his heart over his communion with you...until you see that every wall has been removed at the cross...until you know that everything of your past has been judged and wiped away. God says, "I want you to move on, into the fullness that awaits you in my presence!"

Multitudes today rejoice in the wonderful benefits of the cross. They have moved out of Egypt, and they're standing on the "victory side" of their Red Sea trial. They enjoy freedom, and they thank God continually for casting their oppressor into the sea. But many of these same believers miss God's greater purpose and benefit to them. They miss why the Lord has brought them out -- which is to bring them in to himself.

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