

My Loved Ones:

Psalms 40:16 says, "Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; / Let such as love Your salvation say continually, / "The LORD be magnified!"

Here is a joy that is self-forgetful because it is in the LORD, and a joy that is aroused by the positive (the LORD's salvation), and that has an overriding concern: the LORD be magnified.

We have a puny, microscopic idea about God many times. We scale Him down to our size. We must think big thoughts about our God, because He is big. We must magnify Him in our minds and lives. Stop and read Isaiah 40 to get a grasp of how big He is.

When we magnify anything, we see the details in it; when we magnify God, we see the details of our great God and come away encouraged.

In Philippians 1, Paul desires that everything that happens in his life would be to the goal that Jesus Christ would be praised and magnified in his body, even if it means continued life in prison with trials, or even his death.

Loved ones, may this be our desire: no matter what happens - may Jesus Christ be praised and magnified in our lives whether we continue to live in trials or even if we die.

The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised!

We love you and are praying for you today, loved ones.