

Appendix: A Comparison of Biblical Happiness in the Hebrew and Greek

There are far more words related to happiness, joy, gladness, delight, and blessing in the original languages than in modern English. They reveal both a deeper meaning and a commonality between the terms.

When we examine the parts of speech, we not only see how they are used, but how they are more often verbs and nouns (things and actions) than adjectives (feelings). This overview of primary definitions establishes a sense of the breadth and importance of the topic.

All scriptures are New American Standard Bible. Reference count is from Strong's NAS Concordance. Scripture list is a sample of verses utilizing each original word with the corresponding English translation italicized.

Hebrew Nouns

simchah (92 references): joy, mirth, glee, gladness.

"Also in the day of your *gladness* and in your appointed feasts, and on the first days of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am the LORD your God." (Numbers 10:10)

"All the people went up after him, and the people were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great *joy*, so that the earth shook at their noise." (1 Kings 1:40)

"And they observed the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, for the LORD had caused them to rejoice, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria toward them to encourage them in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel." (Ezra 6:22)

"All the people went away to eat, to drink, to send portions and to celebrate a great *festival*, because they understood the words which had been made known to them." (Nehemiah 8:12)

"Go then, eat your bread in *happiness* and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works." (Ecclesiastes 9:7)

"You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of *joy*; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever." (Psalm 16:11)

"You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with *gladness*," (Psalm 30:11)

"Serve the LORD with *gladness*; Come before Him with joyful singing." (Psalm 100:2)

"The hope of the righteous is *gladness*, but the expectation of the wicked perishes." (Proverbs 10:28)

"You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their *gladness*; They will be glad in Your presence as with the *gladness* of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil." (Isaiah 9:3)

"The LORD your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with *joy*, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy." (Zephaniah 3:17)

berakah / B@rakah (69 references): blessing, gift, treaty of peace.

"And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; And so you shall be a *blessing*;" (Genesis 12:2)

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the *blessing* and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants," (Deuteronomy 30:19)

"Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your *peace* with me and come out to me, and eat each of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,'" (2 Kings 18:31)

"For You make him most *blessed* forever; You make him joyful with gladness in Your presence." (Psalm 21:6)

"It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the *blessing* – life forever" (Psalm 133:3)

"The memory of the righteous is *blessed*, but the name of the wicked will rot." (Proverbs 10:7)

"A faithful man will abound with *blessings*, but he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished." (Proverbs 28:20)

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts,"if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a *blessing* until it overflows ." (Malachi 3:10)

'eshet (45 references): happiness, blessedness.

"*Blessed* are you, O Israel; Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, who is the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! So your enemies will cringe before you, and you will tread upon their high places." (Deuteronomy 33:29)

"Behold, how *happy* is the man whom God reproves, so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty." (Job 5:17)

"How *blessed* is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!" (Psalm 1:1)

"*Blessed* is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance." (Psalm 33:12)

"When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be *happy* and it will be well with you." (Psalm 128:2)

"How *blessed* is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!" (Psalm 32:1)

"He who despises his neighbor sins, but *happy* is he who is gracious to the poor." (Proverbs 14:21)

"Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but *happy* is he who keeps the law."
(Proverbs 29:18)

"How *blessed* is the man who does this, and the son of man who takes hold of it; Who keeps from profaning the sabbath, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." (Isaiah 56:2)

teruw`ah / T@ruw`ah (35 references): alarm, signal, shout or blast of war, alarm, or joy.

"So the people shouted, and priests blew the trumpets; and when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted with a great *shout* and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight ahead, and they took the city." (Joshua 6:20)

"As the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great *shout*, so that the earth resounded." (1 Samuel 4:5)

"They sang, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, saying,"For He is good, for His lovingkindness is upon Israel forever." And all the people shouted with a great *shout* when they praised the LORD because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid." (Ezra 3:11)

"Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a *shout of joy*." (Psalm 33:3)

"He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with *shouting*." (Job 8:21)

"Then he will pray to God, and He will accept him, that he may see His face with *joy*, and He may restore His righteousness to man." (Job 33:26)

rinnah (33 references): ringing cry, in proclamation, joy, praise.

"Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to listen to the *cry* and to the prayer which Your servant prays before You today;" (1 Kings 8:28)

"For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; Weeping may last for the night, but a *shout of joy* comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:5)

"Those who sow in tears shall reap with *joyful shouting*." (Psalm 126:5)

"When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices, and when the wicked perish, there is *joyful shouting*." (Proverbs 11:10)

"For you will go out with joy and be led forth with peace; The mountains and the hills will break forth into *shouts of joy* before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." (Isaiah 55:12)

sasown (22 references): gladness, joy, exultation, rejoicing.

"For the Jews there was light and gladness and *joy* and honor." (Esther 8:16)

"You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of *joy* above Your fellows." (Psalm 45:7)

"Restore to me the *joy* of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit." (Psalm 51:12)

"So the ransomed of the Lord will return and come with joyful shouting to Zion, and everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain *gladness* and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." (Isaiah 51:11)

"Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a *joy* and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts." (Jeremiah 15:16)

masows (17 references): exultation, joy, rejoicing.

"Beautiful in elevation, the *joy* of the whole earth, is Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the great King." (Psalm 48:2)

"But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing. And her people for *gladness*." (Isaiah 65:18)

"Be joyful with Jerusalem and rejoice for her, all you who love her; Be *exceedingly glad* with her, all you who mourn over her," (Isaiah 66:10)

"The *joy* of our hearts has ceased; Our dancing has been turned into mourning." (Lamentations 5:15)

sha`shua` (9 references): delight, enjoyment.

"If Your law had not been my *delight*, then I would have perished in my affliction." (Psalm 119:92)

"Trouble and anguish have come upon me, Yet Your commandments are my *delight*." (Psalm 119:143)

"Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; And I was daily His *delight*, rejoicing always before Him, rejoicing in the world, His earth, and having my *delight* in the sons of men." (Proverbs 8:30-31)

renanah (4 references): ringing cry, shout (for joy).

"My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth offers praises with *joyful* lips." (Psalm 63:5)

"Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with *joyful singing*." (Psalm 100:2)

chedvah (3 references): joy, gladness.

"Splendor and majesty are before Him, Strength and *joy* are in His place." (1 Chronicles 16:27)

"Then he said to them, 'Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the *joy* of the Lord is your strength."
(Nehemiah 8:10)

Hebrew Verbs

samach (153 references): to brighten up, rejoice, be glad .

"You may spend the money for whatever your heart desires : for oxen, or sheep, or wine, or strong drink, or whatever your heart desires; and there you shall eat in the presence of the LORD your God and *rejoice*, you and your household." (Deuteronomy 14:26)

"Let the heavens *be glad*, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations,"The LORD reigns." (1 Chronicles 16:31)

"The king shall *have joy* in Your strength, O Lord; and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!" (Psalm 21:1)

"There is a river whose streams *make glad* the city of God, the holy dwelling places of the Most High." (Psalm 46:4)

"This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and *be glad* in it." (Psalm 118:24)

"A wise son *makes* a father *glad*, but a foolish man despises his mother." (Proverbs 15:20)

"And it will be said in that day,"Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and *be glad* in His salvation." (Isaiah 25:9)

"The people of Israel will become like mighty warriors, and their hearts will be *made happy* as if by wine. Their children, too, will see it and *be glad*; their hearts will rejoice in the Lord." (Zechariah 10:7)

yatab (114 references): to be good, be pleasing, be well, be glad, make beautiful.

"If you *do well*, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not *do well*, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." (Genesis 4:7)

"Jacob said, 'O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your relatives, and I will prosper you,'" (Genesis 32:9)

"O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may *be well* with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey." (Deuteronomy 6:3)

"For the LORD will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the LORD *has been pleased* to make you a people for Himself." (1 Samuel 12:22)

"Sing to Him a new song; *Play skillfully* with a shout of joy." (Psalm 33:3)

"You are good and *do good*; Teach me Your statutes." (Psalm 119:68)

"A joyful heart *makes* a *cheerful* face, but when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken." (Proverbs 15:13)

"A joyful heart is *good* medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones." (Proverbs 15:13)

"Sorrow is better than laughter, for when a face is sad a heart may *be happy*." (Ecclesiastes 7:3)

chaphets (74 references): to delight in, desire, be pleased with.

"Now Saul told Jonathan his son and all his servants to put David to death. But Jonathan, Saul's son, greatly *delighted* in David." (1 Samuel 19:1)

"So Haman took the robe and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city square, and proclaimed before him,"Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king *desires* to honor." (Esther 6:11)

"The steps of a man are established by the LORD, and He *delights* in his way." (Psalm 37:23)

"I *delight* to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart." (Psalm 40:8)

"But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He *pleases*." (Psalm 115:3)

"Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I *delight* in it." (Psalm 119:35)

"The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He *wishes*." (Proverbs 21:1)

"But the LORD was *pleased* to crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand." (Isaiah 53:10)

"but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I *delight* in these things," declares the LORD." (Jeremiah 9:24)

ranan (53 references): to overcome; to cry out, shout for joy, give a ringing cry.

"*Rejoice*, O nations, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, and will render vengeance on His adversaries, and will atone for His land and His people." (Deuteronomy 32:43)

"Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones; And *shout for joy*, all you who are upright in heart." (Psalm 32:11)

"Her priests also I will clothe with salvation, and her godly ones will *sing aloud for joy*." (Psalm 132:16)

"Wisdom *shouts* in the street, She lifts her voice in the square;" (Proverbs 1:20)

"*Shout for joy*, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted." (Isaiah 49:13)

"Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and *shout for joy*, for your dew is as the dew of the dawn, and the earth will give birth to the departed spirits." (Isaiah 26:19)

ruwa` (45 references): to shout, raise a sound, cry out, give a blast.

"At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, '*Shout* ! For the LORD has given you the city.'" (Joshua 6:16)

"As the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel *shouted* with a great shout, so that the earth resounded." (1 Samuel 4:5)

"*Shout joyfully* to the Lord, all the earth." (Psalm 100:1)

"When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God *shouted for joy*?" (Job 38:7)

"Gladness and joy are taken away from the fruitful field; In the vineyards also there will be no cries of joy or *jubilant shouting*, no treader treads out wine in the presses, for I have made the shouting to cease." (Isaiah 16:10)

giyl (44 references): to rejoice, exult, be glad.

"Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth *rejoice*; And let them say among the nations, 'The LORD reigns.'" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

"This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us *rejoice* and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

"Who delight in doing evil and *rejoice* in the perversity of evil;" (Proverbs 2:14)

"Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will *rejoice* in the God of my salvation." (Habakkuk 3:18)

"The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will *rejoice* over you with shouts of joy." (Zephaniah 3:17)

sachaq (36 references): to laugh, play, mock.

"It so happened when they were in high spirits, that they said, 'Call for Samson, that he may *amuse* us.' So they called for Samson from the prison, and he entertained them. And they made him stand between the pillars." (Judges 16:25)

"So David said to Michal, 'It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel; therefore I will *celebrate* before the LORD.'" (2 Samuel 6:21)

"I *smiled* on them when they did not believe, And the light of my face they did not cast down." (Job 29:24)

"He who sits in the heavens *laughs*, The Lord scoffs at them." (Psalm 2:4)

"*Rejoicing* in the world, His earth, and having my delight in the sons of men." (Proverbs 8:31)

"Again I will build you and you will be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! Again you will take up your tambourines, and go forth to the dances of the *merrymakers*." (Jeremiah 31:4)

"They mock at kings and rulers are a laughing matter to them. They *laugh* at every fortress and heap up rubble to capture it." (Psalm 2:4)

rachab (25 references): to be or grow wide, be or grow large, to make room.

"For I will drive out nations before you and *enlarge* your borders, and no man shall covet your land when you go up three times a year to appear before the LORD your God." (Exodus 34:24)

"Then Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD, My mouth *speaks boldly* against my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation." (1 Samuel 2:1)

"You *enlarge* my steps under me, and my feet have not slipped." (2 Samuel 22:37 and Psalm 18:36)

"Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have *relieved* me in my distress; Be gracious to me and hear my prayer." (Psalm 4:1)

"A man's gift *makes room* for him and brings him before great men." (Proverbs 18:16)

"Then you will see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and *rejoice*; Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, the wealth of the nations will come to you." (Isaiah 60:5)

suws (25 references): to exult, rejoice, display joy.

"It shall come about that as the LORD *delighted* over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will *delight* over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you will be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it." (Deuteronomy 28:63)

"But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God; Yes, let them *rejoice* with gladness." (Psalm 68:3)

"I *rejoice* at Your word, as one who finds great spoil." (Psalm 119:162)

"I will *rejoice* greatly in the LORD, my soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." (Isaiah 61:10)

"But *be glad* and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people for gladness." (Isaiah 65:18)

"Then you will see this, and your heart will be *glad*, and your bones will flourish like the new grass; And the hand of the Lord will be made known to His servants, but He will be indignant toward His enemies." (Isaiah 66:14)

"The LORD your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will *exult* over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy." (Zephaniah 3:17)

`alaz (16 references): to exult, rejoice, triumph.

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart *exults*, And with my song I shall thank Him." (Psalm 28:7)

"Let the field *exult*, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy." (Psalm 96:12)

"And my inmost being will *rejoice* when your lips speak what is right." (Proverbs 23:16)

"Because you are glad, because you *are jubilant*, O you who pillage My heritage, because you skip about like a threshing heifer and neigh like stallions," (Jeremiah 50:11)

"Yet I will *exult* in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation." (Habakkuk 3:18)

'ashar (15 references): to go straight, walk, go on, advance, make progress.

"Then Leah said, 'Happy am I! For women will call me *happy*.' So she named him Asher." (Genesis 30:13)

"May his name endure forever; May his name increase as long as the sun shines; And let men bless themselves by him; Let all nations call him *blessed*." (Psalm 72:17)

"She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and *happy* are all who hold her fast." (Proverbs 3:18)

"Do not enter the path of the wicked and do not *proceed* in the way of evil men." (Proverbs 4:14)

"Learn to do good; Seek justice, *reprove* the ruthless, defend the orphan, plead for the widow." (Isaiah 1:17)

'ashar (17 references): become rich or wealthy, enrich, pretend to be rich

Note: This is a different word in Hebrew, but transliterated the same as the previous word. The meanings are distinctly different.

"The LORD *makes* poor and *rich*; He brings low, He also exalts." (1 Samuel 2:7)

"He will not *become rich*, nor will his wealth endure; And his grain will not bend down to the ground." (Job 15:29)

"You visit the earth and cause it to overflow; You greatly *enrich* it; The stream of God is full of water; You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare the earth." (Psalm 65:9)

"Do not weary yourself to *gain wealth*, cease from your consideration of it." (Proverbs 23:4)

"A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who makes haste to *be rich* will not go unpunished."
(Proverbs 28:20)

"And Ephraim said, 'Surely I have *become rich*, I have found wealth for myself; In all my labors they will find in me no iniquity, which would be sin.'" (Hosea 12:8)

ʿalats (8 references): to rejoice, exult.

"Then Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart *exults* in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD, my mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation.'" (1 Samuel 2:1)

"I will be glad and *exult* in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High." (Psalm 9:2)

"When it goes well with the righteous, the city *rejoices*, and when the wicked perish, there is joyful shouting." (Proverbs 11:10)

chadah (5 references): to rejoice, make glad.

"Jethro *rejoiced* over all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, in delivering them from the hand of the Egyptians." (Exodus 18:9)

"For You make him most blessed forever; You *make* him *joyful* with gladness in Your presence."
(Psalm 21:6)

"Iron *sharpens* iron, so one man *sharpens* another." (Proverbs 27:17)

Hebrew Adjectives

towb (486 references): good, pleasant, agreeable, beneficial.

"God saw that the light was *good*; and God separated the light from the darkness." (Genesis 1:4)

"Abraham breathed his last and died in a *ripe* old age, an old man and satisfied with life; and he was gathered to his people." (Genesis 25:8)

"So it will be, if you go with us, that whatever *good* the LORD does for us, we will do for you."
(Numbers 10:32)

"The LORD will open for you His *good* storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow."
(Deuteronomy 28:12)

"Now the boy Samuel was growing in stature and in *favor* both with the LORD and with men."
(1 Samuel 2:26)

"Nevertheless I did not believe the reports, until I came and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half was not told me. You exceed in wisdom and *prosperity* the report which I heard." (1 Kings 10:7)

"Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah; and he did what was *good*, right and true before the LORD his God." (2 Chronicles 31:20)

"Surely *goodness* and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Psalm 23:6)

"His soul will abide in *prosperity*, and his descendants will inherit the land." (Psalm 25:13)

"For a day in Your courts is *better* than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Psalm 84:10)

"When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be *well* with you." (Psalm 128:2)

"Adversity pursues sinners, but the righteous will be rewarded with *prosperity*." (Proverbs 13:21)

"All the days of the afflicted are bad, but a *cheerful* heart has a continual feast." (Proverbs 15:15)

"How much *better* it is to get wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen above silver."
(Proverbs 16:16)

"How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of *happiness*, who announces salvation, and says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"
(Isaiah 52:7)

"Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have withheld *good* from you." (Jeremiah 5:25)

sameach (21 references): joyful, merry, glad.

"All the people went up after him, and the people were playing on flutes and *rejoicing* with great joy, so that the earth shook at their noise." (1 Kings 1:40)

"Then Haman went out that day *glad* and pleased of heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate and that he did not stand up or tremble before him, Haman was filled with anger against Mordecai." (Esther 5:9)

"The Lord has done great things for us; We are *glad*." (Psalm 126:3)

"A *joyful* heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones." (Proverbs 17:22)

`alliyz (7 references): exultant, jubilant.

"For the land of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up; Yea, for all the joyful houses and for the *jubilant* city." (Isaiah 32:13)

"The gaiety of tambourines ceases, the noise of *revelers* stops, the gaiety of the harp ceases." (Isaiah 24:8)

"In that day you will feel no shame because of all your deeds by which you have rebelled against Me; For then I will remove from your midst Your proud, *exulting* ones, and you will never again be haughty on My holy mountain." (Zephaniah 3:11)

Greek Nouns

agalliasis (5 references): exultation, extreme joy, gladness.

"For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for *joy*."
(Luke 1:44)

"You will have joy and *gladness*, and many will rejoice at his birth." (Luke 1:14)

"Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with *gladness* and sincerity of heart," (Acts 2:46)

chara (59 references); joy, gladness.

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the *joy* of your master.'" (Matthew 25:21)

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great *joy* which will be for all the people;'" (Luke 2:10)

"In the same way, I tell you, there is *joy* in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10)

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

"But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My *joy* made full in themselves." (John 17:13)

"And the disciples were continually filled with *joy* and with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52)

"for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and *joy* in the Holy Spirit." (Romans 14:17)

"Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your *joy*; for in your faith you are standing firm." (2 Corinthians 1:24)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, *joy*, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness," (Galatians 5:22)

"Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and *joy* in the faith," (Philippians 1:25)

"You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the *joy* of the Holy Spirit," (1 Thessalonians 1:6)

"fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the *joy* set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

"and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with *joy* inexpressible and full of glory," (1 Peter 1:8)

"Though I have many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, so that your *joy* may be made full." (2 John 1:12)

euphrosynē (2 references): good cheer, joy, gladness.

"YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF *GLADNESS* WITH YOUR PRESENCE." (Acts 2:28, referencing Psalm 16:11 [*simchah*])

"and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and *gladness*." (Acts 14:17)

Greek Verbs

chairō (75 references): to rejoice, be glad, be well (also a salutation).

"*Rejoice* and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:12)

"Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, '*Hail*, Rabbi!' and kissed Him." (Matthew 26:49)

"You will have joy and gladness, and many will *rejoice* at his birth." (Luke 1:14)

"Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will *rejoice*, and no one will take your joy away from you." (John 16:22)

"And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side the disciples then *rejoiced* when they saw the Lord." (John 20:20)

"When the Gentiles heard this, they began *rejoicing* and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed." (Acts 13:48)

"*Rejoice* with those who *rejoice*, and weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)

"Finally, brethren, *rejoice*, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11)

"But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I *rejoice* and share my joy with you all." (Philippians 2:17)

"*Rejoice* always," (1 Thessalonians 5:16)

eudokeō (21 references): to be well pleased with, take pleasure in.

"and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am *well-pleased*.'" (Matthew 3:17)

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen *gladly* to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

"For it was the Father's *good pleasure* for all the fullness to dwell in Him," (Colossians 1:19)

"Therefore when we could endure it no longer, we *thought it best* to be left behind at Athens alone," (1 Thessalonians 3:1)

"BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM." (Hebrews 10:38, referencing Habakkuk 2:4)

euphrainō (14 references): to gladden, make joyful, be merry.

"And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and *be merry*.'" (Luke 12:19)

"But we had to *celebrate* and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found." (Luke 15:32)

"For if I cause you sorrow, who then makes me *glad* but the one whom I made sorrowful?" (2 Corinthians 2:2)

agalliaō (11 references): to exult, rejoice exceedingly, be exceeding glad.

"Rejoice and *be glad*, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:12)

"And my spirit has *rejoiced* in God my Savior." (Luke 1:47)

"and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you *greatly rejoice* with joy inexpressible and full of glory," (1 Peter 1:8)

euthymeō (3 references): to put in good spirits, be of courage, gladden, make cheerful.

"Is anyone among you suffering? Then he must pray. Is anyone *cheerful*? He is to sing praises." (James 5:13)

"Therefore, *keep up your courage*, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told." (Acts 27:25)

Greek Adjectives

agathos (102 references): good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful, happy, generous.

"So every *good* tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit." (Matthew 7:17)

"The *good* man out of the *good* treasure of his heart brings forth what is *good*; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart." (Luke 6:45)

"for he was a *good* man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And considerable numbers were brought to the Lord." (Acts 11:24)

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for *good* to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for *good* works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a *good* work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

"For, 'THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE *GOOD* DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. '" (1 Peter 3:10, referencing Psalm 34:12-13 [*towb*])

makarios (50 references); blessed, happy, fortunate.

"*Blessed* are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

"And Jesus said to him, '*Blessed* are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.'" (Matthew 16:17)

"Jesus said to him, 'Because you have seen Me, have you believed? *Blessed* are they who did not see, and yet believed.'" (John 20:29)

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more *blessed* to give than to receive.'" (Acts 20:35)

"The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. *Happy* is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves." (Romans 14:22)

"But in my opinion she is *happier* if she remains as she is; and I think that I also have the Spirit of God." (1 Corinthians 7:40)

"If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are *blessed*, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you." (1 Peter 4:14)

"*Blessed* is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." (James 1:12)