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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Ps. 100:2 *Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.*

I love the concept that Moses wrote this Psalm. Now when you think of Moses, some images might come to mind. The defender of the Israelite nation. The leader of the slaves during their emancipation from Egypt. He was the receiver of the Law on Mount Sinai.

In my mind, I had never really thought of Moses being someone who would be encouraging the people to worship the LORD with gladness. I always pictured him as stoic; an “all business” kind of guy. It must have been from the impact that Charlton Heston had on me when I watched the movie “*The Ten Commandments*” as a young boy. But, in this verse, we see the person who is passionate about worshipping the LORD.

He then says to come before Him with “joyful” songs. Having led worship for multiple years, I can say that many who come to worship seem to not be so joyful. In fact, I sense many times, that people are just going through the motions of worship without the joy of worship. You can tell by their countenance. How can you sing “*Amazing Grace*”, “*It Is Well*” or “*How Great Is Our God*” with a frown on your face?

There is a verse in **2 Cor. 3:17** that truly helps me to keep the focus where it needs to be as I come before Him with joyful songs: ***Now the LORD is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is freedom.*** There is freedom to sing. There is freedom to rejoice. There is freedom to shout. There is freedom to raise your hands.

Dear LORD, we need to worship You with gladness. We need to come before You with joyful songs. I pray that our worship will be a pleasing offering and sacrifice to You. Help us to worship You in the Spirit. In Jesus Name, Amen.