

**vs 10a ~ “Many sorrows shall be to the wicked”**

- God does not wait to punish evil until the hereafter
- It begins here with people bearing painful consequences for their sin

**vs 10b ~ “But he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him”**

- And likewise, God does not wait to reward the faithful until the hereafter
- Mercy is poured out upon us ~ and we learn to appreciate it

**vs 11a ~ “Be glad in the Lord and rejoice you righteous”**

- We are not just to “be glad” ~ it is also “in the Lord”
- We Christians must discriminate in our pursuit of joy
  - We know the real, true and greatest joy is found in the Lord
  - But we often pursue lesser alternatives ~ even good ones
    - family ~ friendship ~ humor ~ pleasure ~ etc...

**vs 11b ~ “And shout for joy, all you upright in heart”**

- Being “upright in heart” should naturally lead us to “joy”
  - So much “joy” ~ that at times we want to “shout”
- Contrast this with how you feel when you’re NOT “upright in heart”
  - When we’re in sin or wallowing in regret over sin ~ NOT joyful
  - But that remorse ~ a godly remorse ~ leads us back to God
    - Back to God
    - Back to uprightness
    - Back to true “joy”

**God pours out His mercy upon His children here on earth . . .**

**Note that we are to “trust in the Lord” and “be glad in the Lord”**

**These don’t just happen . . . We pursue them . . .**

**This pursuit ends with “shouts of joy”**