



Psalm 5:11

“But let all those rejoice who put their trust in you; let them ever shout for joy because you defend them. Let those who love your name be joyful in you.”

The psalm was written by King David and given to the Chief Musician. There are over fifty psalms that use the title “To the Chief Musician.” David’s Chief Musician was Chenaniah (1 Chronicles 15:22, 26). Chenaniah was skillful in music. It appears that having written this psalm David gave it to Chenaniah who arranged it and taught it to the other musicians.

According to the title preceding the psalm, it was to be sung accompanied by flutes (NKJ). The King James version uses the word Ne’-hi-loth. The Amplified Bible translates it wind instruments. So the instruments of choice were flutes or similar wind instruments.

The Hebrew word for rejoice is the word samach which means to brighten up or gleesome. Ranan is the Hebrew word used for shout. It means to creak or emit a stridulous sound, i.e. to shout usually for joy. The Hebrew word alats is translated joyful. Alats means to jump for joy.

You might translate this scripture this way: “But let all those be bright and in high spirits who put their trust in you; let them creak or emit a stridulous sound because you defend them. Let those who love your name jump for joy.”

Scripture references:

Psalm 2:12

Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in him.

Psalm 33:1

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

Psalm 64:10

The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and trust in him. And all the upright in heart shall glory.

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