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Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

TODAY'S THOUGHT: A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

The Bible says: "This is the day that the LORD has made: Let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). This is an excellent verse to recite every time we arise out of our beds in the morning!

But perhaps we could paraphrase this verse as we stand on the cusp of a brand-new year: "This is the year that the Lord has made: I will rejoice and be glad in it!"

The year 2007 has just about passed into history. As we look back on it, we can recall ups and downs, joys and sorrows, smiles and frowns, aches and pains and perhaps love and the loss of love. But it was a year that the Lord gave to us. Can we rejoice? Can we be "glad in it"?

As we face 2008, we can't be certain of too much, can we? Not much is guaranteed. But if the Lord has given us this year, then it follows that we can rejoice and we can be glad. Some things are guaranteed, and that is the love of our heavenly Father and the opportunity to serve God and to glorify God in all that we do.

So when you arise on Tuesday, January 1, 2008, this week, change your tune. Revise the verse, and say instead: "This is the day and this is the year that the Lord has made: I will rejoice and be glad in it."

Prayer: O God, great is Your faithfulness! You have been a strong presence in my life. Of your greatness and glory I have not the words to express. Thank You for the year 2007. Give me courage for the year 2008! In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 7-9

Monday: Ecclesiastes 10-12

Tuesday: Song of Solomon 1-8

Wednesday: Revelation 19-22

Congratulations on reading the Bible from cover to cover in one year!

VERSE TO REMEMBER

"[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

—Revelation 21:4 NIV

It's Time for 2008!



On the last Sunday of the year, as we approach the year 2008, it is appropriate to think about how we measure time. See if you can answer the following questions:

- ___ 1. The number of years in six score is (a) 100, (b) 60, (c) 70, (d) 120
- ___ 2. The sum of three centuries, two weeks, and three decades is how many weeks? (a) 14,502 (b) 15,632 (c) 17,162 (d) None of these
- ___ 3. Which year is near the middle of the 13th century? (a) 1248, (b) 1348, (c) 1448, (d) 1384
- ___ 4. Which was the year after 1 B.C.? (a) 0, (b) 2 B.C., (c) 1 A.D., (d) none of these
- ___ 5. How many weeks are in six centuries? (a) 32,100 (b) 31,200 (c) 33,000 (d) none of these
- ___ 6. The number of weeks in two scores minus the number of years in a century leaves what remainder? (a) 560, (b) 760, (c) 1,980, (d) 1,000
- ___ 7. Which year is in the 33rd century? (a) 3301, (b) 3201, (c) 3401, (d) none of these
- ___ 8. How many decades are in five millenniums? (a) 500, (b) 5,000, (c) 50,000, (d) none of these
- ___ 9. How many months are in seven decades? (a) 480, (b) 840, (c) 4,400, (d) none of these
- ___ 10. When you divide the number of years in eight decades by the number of weeks in two months, the answer is (a) 12, (b) 10, (c) 40, (d) 80

*Goodbye
2007!*