

HABBAKUK 3:17-18, " Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls--Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

Christians are not immune from problems. Nowhere in the Bible are we told that after we come to the Lord that our life will be filled with nothing but good things and our troubles are ended. On the contrary, Jesus declared in JOHN 16:33 that "In the world you will have tribulation ;" Paul declared in 2 TIMOTHY 3:12 that "all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." Trouble comes to both believers and unbelievers but how they respond sets them apart. So weep if you must, but call to mind the words of the prophet above.

In the midst of trials do not forget to pray, not only for yourself, but for others as well. By faith, lift up your voice and sing. Dance and shout for joy. Though tears may be falling from your eyes make it your aim to fill your mouth with the praises of the One who loves you and has given you the promise of greater glory at the end of your journey than at the beginning. Remember beloved, weeping may last for a season but if you will refuse to give in to bitterness and discouragement there will come a new day filled with fulfillment and the realization of His love and grace in your life. Do not give up. The long night of your soul is just about over. A new day is about to dawn! It will be glorious! ***PSALM 30:5b, "Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning."***