

Resolve In The Midst of Gloom

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

Habakkuk 3: 18,19

As long as we live in this present world, we will never be immune from bad news. Because of modern technology, both good and bad news are almost instantaneous; trivial things and momentous events pop up on cell phones throughout every day. Everything from threat of war to financial collapse can cause anxiety in many lives. When the Covid-19 pandemic occurred, the whole globe was impacted by an atmosphere of uncertainty and impending doom. Thankfully believers possess a hope that God is in control and we can rejoice because of our eternal hope that transcends this world.

The ministry of the prophet Habakkuk occurred on the eve of the invasion of his country. The Chaldean war machine was on the move conquering every nation in its path. Because of Israel's idolatrous disobedience, the prophet knew that chastisement from Jehovah was imminent. At the conclusion of his prayer, Habakkuk expressed hope in the midst of this gloom by rejoicing in the God of his salvation. He fully realized his inner strength came from his trust in God, and his confidence rested in the Lord God who could make him walk in high places above the strife of this life.

No matter what level of peace and security we experience in this life, there will always be some threat of bad news on the horizon. The threat of an interruption to our peaceful existence can occur during a large-scale national catastrophe, or it can come on a personal level through distressing news from a medical doctor. The media capitalizes on dramatic events to enhance their broadcasts and create fear and anxiety. Wars and rumors of war, disease, natural calamities, and financial uncertainties dominate the content of reports. With all the technical advancements in this rapidly changing world, man still cannot maintain a lasting environment of peace. The effects of this stress touch all levels of our society.

Like the prophet Habakkuk, we can rejoice this day because of the God of our salvation. When we focus on what the Lord Jesus has done for us and for the wonders of heaven that await us, the strength of the devil's scare tactics can be diminished. When our trust is in the Lord, we walk at a different level above the world's strife. May the Lord by His grace grant us the resolve to rejoice in His salvation.

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