

MAY 26

“REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!”

READ

Habakkuk 3:17-19, 1 Timothy 6:17

Are you enjoying your life? God doesn't want us to be so isolated from the world that we don't enjoy the things He's given us. God did not put us here simply to improve the world, but to invite people out of the world and into His kingdom. Social activism is not the call of the Church; we are to be a light. Habakkuk asks God, "Why don't you answer my prayers? Are you not in control of everything?" God's answer is "at the appointed time." Trust Him, and you will find He does answer and is in charge of everything. If you trust God, you will see it come to pass. No matter what, rejoice in the Lord! Your situation has nothing to do with your relationship to God. We're supposed to have joy because we are His children; rejoice in the Lord! If you call yourself a Christian, your life ought to be joy-filled. A man who was hog hunting in Alabama and impaled by a hog's tusk almost died — from a tick bite. Your home is in more danger from a termite than a tornado. Satan uses "ticks and termites," small things that will grow; like apathy, lack of prayer, bitterness toward others or toward God. Through the trials of life and the attacks of the enemy, remember, the joy of the Lord is Your strength. Rejoice in the Lord always!

PRAY

Jesus, I want to remove anything, even the smallest thing, that could rob my joy. May I be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.

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