

Brighter days to come

December 13, 2021

PSALM 30:5b NKJV – (5b) Weeping may endure for a night, But joy *comes* in the morning.

How often have we heard this passage. Most of the time for many at funerals. But “What is the Psalmist saying and Why? After calling God’s people to praise, King David then gave them more reasons for it. Here he rejoiced that the **anger** of God may be real but momentary, while His **favor** (acceptance, pleasure) is lasting, even **for life**. Almost certainly, David said this as a testimony from his own life. There were many tearful nights, followed by joyful mornings – perhaps with the recognition that the mercies of God to His people are new every morning (**Lamentations 3:22-23**).

By itself, this passage could mean, merely, ‘into each life a little rain must fall’ or ‘every cloud has a silver lining’ or ‘you’ve got to take the bad with the good’ or ‘cheer up, things will get better’.... But what David is talking about is God’s disfavor versus his favor, expressed in the experiences of life. His conviction is that the favor always outweighs the disfavor for God’s people. This is a most beautiful and affecting image of the sufferings and exaltation of Christ...of the night of death, and the morning of the resurrection.

Even at a funeral. We see the death of a loved one, but we must also see the resurrection of that very one who received Christ as the head of their lives.

This should encourage us in repentance. God does not enjoy bringing discipline but prefers to shower us with His grace.

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 30:12

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Christians can always find hope in the promises of God and power of His name, knowing that in their darkest nights, hours of fear, and moments of greatest uncertainty, anxiety, and struggle, God is God and in control. He has a plan, and that plan is ultimately good.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"