

Philippians 3:18 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ.

Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

<sup>20</sup> But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.

## Philippians 4:2 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement.

Philippians 4:4–5 (NET)

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice **IN** the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see your gentleness.

**The Lord is near!**

**Rejoice IN the Lord**

**Philippians 4:4-5**

One definition of **Rejoice** - is to be in a state of  
gladness, happiness or well-being

Biblical **REJOICING** is **not only** a **Feeling**  
or **Expression** of **Joy** it is  
**ALSO** an **Action** we choose.

So **REJOICE** points both to an **Emotional state** and a **chosen Behavior**.



**Rejoice IN the Lord** is a call, NOT to a Feeling,  
but to a **DECISION** and a deeply rooted  
Confidence that **God Exists**, that **HE is in**  
**Control**, and that **HE is Good**. Lucado

**4 Rejoice IN the Lord ALWAYS.**

I will say it again: Rejoice.

**5 Let your gentleness be evident to all.**

**The Lord is NEAR.**

**TIME** - the day of His Return

**SPACE** - He is Close to each one of His people

**→ Our ATTITUDE does NOT have to  
Reflect our CIRCUMSTANCES**

**<sup>4</sup> Rejoice IN the Lord Always.**

**I will say it again: Rejoice**

Psalm 73:3 (NLT)

For **I envied the proud** when I saw them  
**prosper** despite their wickedness.

Psalm 73:25-26 (NLT)

Whom have I in heaven but **YOU**?

**I desire You more than anything on earth.**

<sup>26</sup> My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but **God remains the strength of my heart; He is MINE forever.**

**To Rejoice IN the Lord-** is to make a  
Choice to **Change the FOCUS**  
from **Circumstances to God**

→ **The Lord IS NEAR - He is Always WITH us**

<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all.

**The Lord is NEAR.**



Psalm 145:17-18 (NIV)

The **LORD** is righteous in **ALL** His ways  
and loving toward **ALL** He has made.

<sup>18</sup> **The LORD is NEAR to ALL who call on Him,  
to ALL who call on Him in truth.**

Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

Keep your lives free from the love of money and  
be **CONTENT** with what you have, because  
God has said, **NEVER** will I leave you;  
**NEVER** will I forsake you.

**Rejoice IN the SOVEREIGNTY of God**

## **Rejoice IN the MERCY of God**

Rejoice in the Lord's mercy. Trust in his ability to forgive. **Cast yourself upon the grace of Christ and Christ alone.** Lucado

Ephesians 2:4–5 (NIV)

But because of **His great love** for us,

**God, who is rich in MERCY,**

<sup>5</sup> **made us alive with Christ** even when we were  
**dead** in transgressions

- it is **by Grace** you have been **Saved**.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the **weakest**, the **vilest**, the **poor**  
**Our sins, they are many, His MERCY is more**

**Rejoice IN the Lord ALWAYS**

**4 Rejoice IN the Lord ALWAYS...**

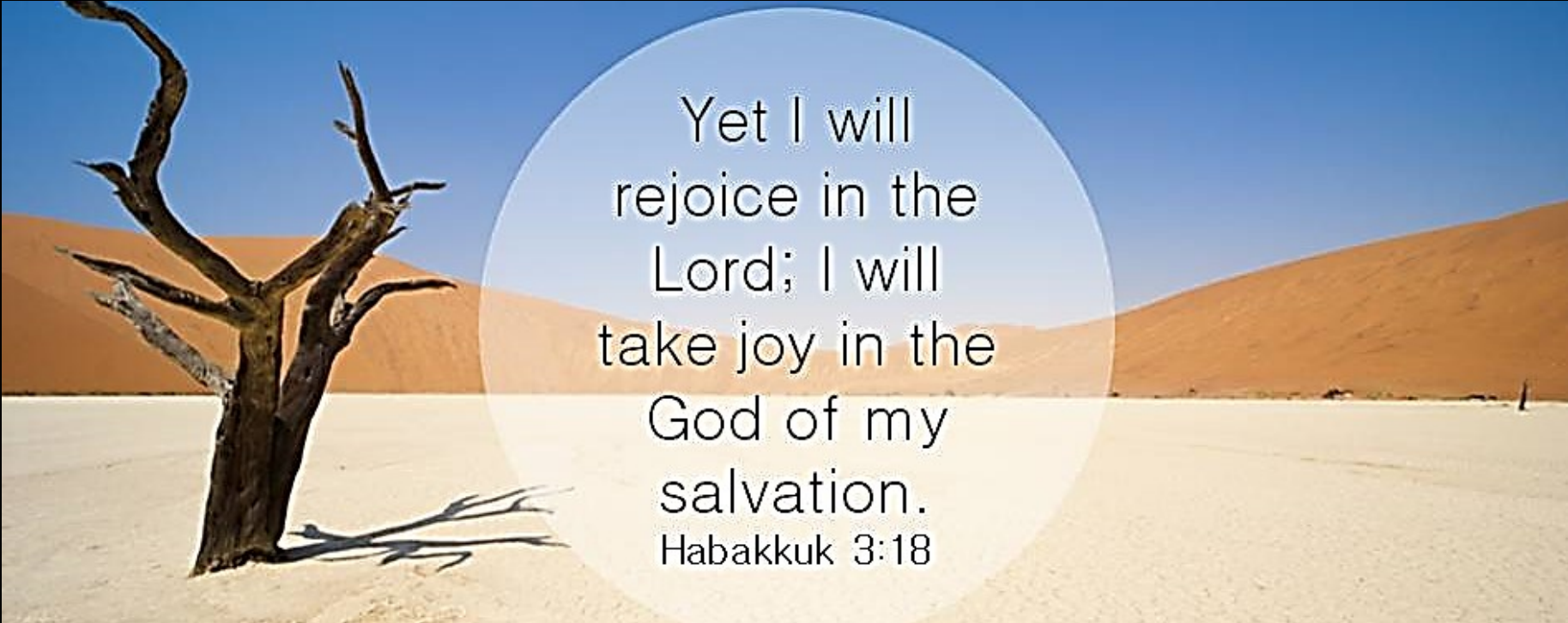
**5 ...The Lord is NEAR. (HCS)**

Though the fig tree does **not bud**  
and there are **no grapes** on the  
vines, though the **olive crop fails**  
and the **fields produce no food**,  
though there are **no sheep** in the  
pen and **no cattle** in the stalls...

Habakkuk 3:17







Yet I will  
rejoice in the  
Lord; I will  
take joy in the  
God of my  
salvation.

Habakkuk 3:18

**Joy** is available to everyone, even to those  
stripped of every material possession,  
for **JOY is to be found in a Person.**

It comes through an **intimate** and **personal**  
**relationship with Jesus Christ...** BKC

Isaiah 6:1 (NIV)

**In the year that King Uzziah DIED,**  
I saw the **Lord seated on a throne,**  
high and exalted, and the train of his robe  
filled the temple

The answer for troubled times, anxiety,  
and fear is the same:

**God is on His THRONE.**

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