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REJOICE

Philippians 4:4 (NKJV) says, ***“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, Rejoice!”***

Nehemiah 8:17 (KJV) says, ***“The joy of the LORD is your strength.”*** God’s strength, found for us in Jesus, is sufficient reason to rejoice with great joy.

The joy of our salvation should not be dependent on our circumstances whether good or bad. It comes from the peace Christ gives (John 14:27) and contentment in knowing that God’s hand is with us in all situations. He strengthens us in all circumstances (Philippians 4:13).

Habakkuk 3:17-18 addresses the matter of joy through even the most adverse conditions. ***“Although the fig tree (food) shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines, (or)...the olive tree shall fail, and the fields (crops) shall yield no meat (food), (though) the flock shall be cut off (lost) and there be no herd in the in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD (Jehovah, Yahweh). I will (have) joy in the God (Elohim) of my salvation (Yesha, a form of Yeshuah, Jesus.)”***

This passage is an Old Testament affirmation that the Jesus (Yeshuah) of the New Testament is the source of our joy, and we are to rejoice in the peace and strength of Christ within us.

“This is the day the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:24).

There are days when that may seem difficult, but we must sacrifice our natural tendency of negative reactions by heeding the Word of Hebrews 13:15, ***“...therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips (tongue) giving (speaking) thanks to his name.”***

There is great power in praise and rejoicing. Victory abounds.