

Lesson 27

Promise: Joy Comes with the Morning

<Main Theme>

Sorrow is a very real and all too common experience in our lives. We see it all through the Bible as God's people experience being sinned against, and as their own sins cause sorrow. But the story of every true believer has a good end – joy comes with the morning.

Just as the sorrow of the disciples at the death of Jesus turned to joy at His resurrection, so someday Jesus will bury our sorrow and resurrect joy for us. In the middle of the sorrow, we don't see the end, but we must remember that the story isn't over yet. There is a happy ending for every believer.

Sometimes the night is long, but the morning always comes for God's children. During the night, we are called to fight for joy by remembering God's promises, trusting His goodness, and recognizing that we are in the middle of His plan and God promises a good ending.

<Main Idea>

- God will end suffering for the righteous and turn it to joy.

<Main Verses>

- Psalm 30:5, Psalm 42:11, Psalm 30:11, John 16:20-22

<Memory Verse>

"Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning." (Psalm 30:5)

<Key thought>

Sorrow is real, but for the Christian it is only for a while. Joy comes in the morning. So in the middle of the sorrow, remember that the story isn't over yet.

<The Keywords that need to share>

1) Sorrow Turns to Joy

: Please share any stories in the Bible where things that looked bad turned out good? What does this show you about how God keeps His promise to bring joy in the morning?

2) The Story Isn't Over

: What do you think Jesus' disciples thought when Jesus was on the cross? When things are hard, why is it important to remember that the story isn't over yet? Think about Jesus.

3) Joy

: Have you ever felt "jump up and down" joy? Can you share about it?
Please share why we have joy in our lives and who gives us everything.

* Please read the Main idea first and read the main theme and the main verses. Then, share the keywords that need to share. Then, read and try to understand this week's Memory Verse.