

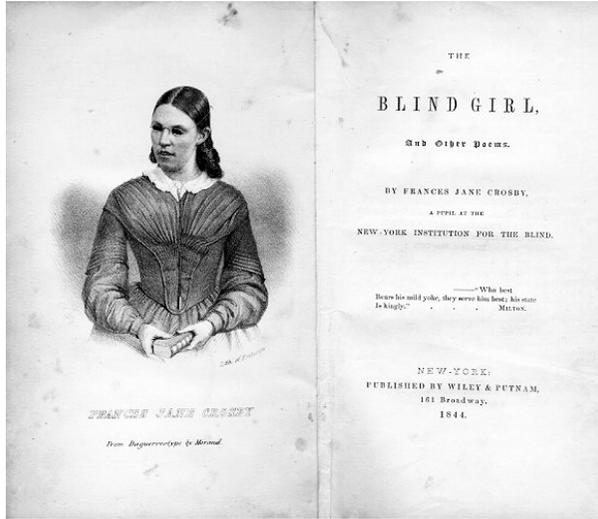
3. The Lord has provided the _____ of _____, verse 4

(1 Timothy 1:17) "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

(2 Corinthians 4:17-18) "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, {18} while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

(Colossians 3:2) "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

(1 Peter 1:8-9) "... Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, {9} receiving the end of your faith; the salvation of your souls."



Those words made me stop and ask, "Am I thankful to God regardless of what He gives or withholds?" Habakkuk pondered how he would respond to the loss of every material blessing. He concluded, "I will joy in the God of my salvation" (v.18).

Circumstances may change, but God remains the same. That's always cause for thanksgiving. –DCM



*We can give thanks in every trial
And say, "Your will be done,"
For God's at work in everything
To make us like His Son. –
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Thankfulness depends on what is in your heart, not what is in your hand.



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Always Thankful

I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. –Habakkuk 3:18

Perhaps Habakkuk 3:17-19 was an unusual Bible passage to read as our family and guests sat down to a feast. But I had a reason for choosing it. Simply to bow my head and give thanks didn't seem to be enough. Compared with the poverty of many of the world's people, I am wealthy.

The prophet Habakkuk was awaiting the destruction of his country by the ruthless Chaldeans, whose army was called by God to punish His people for their disobedient and evil ways (Hab. 1:5-6). He said, "Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labour of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls–yet I will rejoice in the Lord" (3:17-18).



Insights for Living Standfast in Joy 1



- #1. Standfast in harmony, v2-3
- #2. Standfast in joy, v4**
- #3. Standfast in gentleness, v5
- #4. Standfast in peace, v6-7
- #5. Standfast in thought, v8
- #6. Standfast in action, v9

Philippians 1:4, 18, 2:16, 17, 3:3, 1:25, 3:1, 4:1-4

Philippians 4:4 leads us to make 3 comments about joy:

1. The Lord desires that His people _____ in _____, verse 4

(Psalms 60:6) "God has spoken in His holiness: "I will rejoice..."

(Psalms 104:31) "May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works."

(Job 38:7) "When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

(Genesis 1:31) "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. ..."

(Revelation 19:7) ""Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.""

(Luke 10:21-22) "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, .. {22} "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.""

(Matthew 25:21) "".. Enter into the joy of your lord.""

(Psalms 16:11) "".. In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

(John 15:11) ""These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

(Ecclesiastes 2:1) "I said in my heart, "Come now, .. enjoy pleasure"; but surely, this also was vanity."

(Ecclesiastes 2:10-11) "Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, ... {11} Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun."

(Luke 8:14) ""Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity."

(Titus 3:3) "For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another."

(1 Timothy 5:6) "But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives."



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2. The Lord desires that nothing should _____ His people of _____, verse 4

(Psalms 51:8) "Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice."

(Psalms 51:12) "Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit."

(Psalms 32:5) "I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah"

(Psalms 32:11) "Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

(James 1:2-3) "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, {3} knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience."

(Hebrews 12:2) "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

(1 Peter 1:3-8) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, {5} who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. {6} In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, {7} that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, {8} whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory."

(Isaiah 53:3) "".. A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. ..."

(1 Thessalonians 4:13) "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope."

(Romans 8:28-29) "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. {29} For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

(Romans 8:35) "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

(Romans 8:38-39) "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, {39} nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Matthew 5:11-12) ""Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.



{12} "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
(John 16:22) ""Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."