

## JOY COMES IN THE MORNING

**For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5 (ESV)**

Mama! Mama! Baby Raelyn happily squeals as mama gets her out of bed in the morning. That video vividly brought back memories of greeting Baby Raelyn's mama in the mornings when she was a baby. It didn't matter if tears had been shed at bedtime. There was joy in the morning.

Let's consider a Mama who must have shed some tears. When Simeon saw baby Jesus in the temple, he told Mary that a sword would pierce her soul. We find Mary at the foot of her son's cross. There cannot be any more horrible place than the place Mary was standing. We cannot even imagine her feelings seeing her son suffer this horrible death. Were there tears? Was Mary in too much shock to cry? John was there. Was his face stained with tears? There must have been tears on that Friday night as those who loved Jesus heard that awful news. Jesus had died. But..... this is not where the story ends. Easter Sunday morning comes and there is joy. That joy changes our lives. Because Jesus died for us on that cross and rose on Sunday morning, our sins are forgiven and we will live forever with Jesus in Heaven.

Does that joy mean there will be no tears as we journey through life? Absolutely not. Jesus said we would have trials. ***I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world (John 16:33).*** We may shed tears, but they will disappear. In Heaven, ***He will wipe away every tear from our eyes (Revelation 21:4).***

There will be tears in the night. Joy comes in the morning – we don't know when that morning will come. But it will! Jesus promises that we will live with Him joyfully forever.

***Prayer:*** Dear God, Thank you for promising to be with me when the tears come. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life with You. Thank you for promising me joy in the morning. Help me to embrace the promise that You will give me eternal joy. Amen.

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