

### Habakkuk 3:17-19

*Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor 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, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills. To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments.*

I think we all know these verses from Habakkuk, praising God no matter what was going on in his life, and we to want to do the same thing, giving the Lord glory all the time for the great things He has done, and is doing in our lives.

Yet haven't there been times when we feel like we know better than the Lord does and that we want to give God direction and instructions, or our so called, great wisdom and advice on how to manage things? We have all done it, and we do so because we do not see or understand all things like God does.

Well, next time we feel like that, let's stop and think of these five things first.

1. **God is able.** I am not.
2. **God knows what's best.** I do not.
3. **God sees the end from the beginning.** I do not.
4. **God should have His way in every situation.** I should not.
5. **God should be glorified through this.** I should not.

So, what we do is take today's verses that say.

***"Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,"***

***"I will joy in the God of my salvation."***

***"The LORD God is my strength;"***

***"He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills."***

But we add our little thoughts or ideas to it, like:

***"Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,"*** as long as He does it the way I tell Him too.

***"I will joy in the God of my salvation."*** As I help Him along, because He can't do it without my help.

***"The LORD God is my strength;"*** and if He doesn't come through, I still have the bank I can trust in.

***"He will make my feet like deer's feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills."*** as I sit here and do nothing.

I know that sounds harsh, but haven't we all (I include myself here) done or thought any of these?

But let's stop and ask the question, "*Is anything too hard for our God?*"

† **Jeremiah 32:27** "*Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?*"

If we say no, then why do we think He needs our help? God says to us all.

† **Job 38:4** "*Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.*"

† **Job 38:35-36** "*Can you send out lightnings, that they may go, And say to you, 'Here we are!?' Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or who has given understanding to the heart?"*

So, let's let God be God, and we His people, and let's let Him receive all the glory for the great things He has done, is doing, and will do! And remember, He didn't need our help when He created the heavens and the earth, and He has our issues, requests and battles covered without our help.

† **Psalm 79:13 (MSG)** *Then we, your people, the ones you love and care for, will thank you over and over and over. We'll tell everyone we meet how wonderful you are, how praiseworthy you are!*

† **Habakkuk 3:2 (NLT2)** *I have heard all about you, LORD. I am filled with awe by your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in years gone by. And in your anger, remember your mercy.*