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(Reuters) - Thu May 26, 2011 3:17pm EDT
More than 500 people have been killed by twisters in 2011, . . . As of mid-Thursday, 505 people had died in tornadoes this year, including at least 123 who died as a direct result of the monster storm that tore through Joplin, Missouri, on Sunday. . . The National Weather Service reported another 17 deaths this week in Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas . . . The total makes 2011 the seventh-deadliest tornado year on record in the U.S. and inches it closer to the 519 deaths recorded in 1953.

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- ✦ Our days are full of trouble - Job 14:1
- ✦ Suffering is a consequence of man's sin - Gen. 3:19; Rom. 5:12
- ✦ We are sojourners, pilgrims through a world of trouble - (*the troubles of this life should prompt us to seek something better*) - Heb 11:13-16; 1 Pet 2:11
- ✦ We should realize that EVERYTHING in this world is temporary (*including its troubles*) - 1 John 2:15-17; 2 Cor 4:8-9,16-18

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Where Do We Turn?



- ♦ **Many turn to drugs and alcohol -**
- ♦ **Many turn to sorcery or eastern cults -**
- ♦ **Many turn to human wisdom and so called science -**
- ♦ **We can find real solutions and peace ONLY when we by faith turn wholly to God!**

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Bible Examples . . .



- ◆ **Job** - (Job 1-3)
- ◆ **Joseph** - (Gen. 37,39,40)
- ◆ **Moses** - (Num. 11:14-15)
- ◆ **Elijah** - (1 Kings 19)
- ◆ **David** - (1 Sam. 18-30; Ps. 41-43)
- ◆ **Jeremiah** - (Jer. 20:14-18)
- ◆ **Paul** - (2 Cor. 12:7-10)
- ◆ **Jesus** - (Luke 22:42-44; Heb. 5:7)

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- ✦ **Prepare For Storms before they come!**
– Mat. 7:24-27; Luke 21:36; 2 Pet. 1:5-10
- ✦ **Enjoy the good times & be thankful!** –
Eccl. 5:18; 1 Tim 6:17; James 1:17
- ✦ **Guard against anxiety / worry** – Mat.
6:25-34; Phili. 4:4-13; 1 Cor. 10:13
- ✦ **Cast our cares upon the Lord for He
cares for us!** – 1 Pet 5:6-11; Heb 13:5,6
- ✦ **Understanding the purpose of trials** –
James 1:2-16; 5:13-18

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Things I Learned That Day

I walked a mile with Pleasure,
She chattered all the way;
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say!

I walked a mile with Sorrow,
And never a word said she;
But, oh, the things I learned that day from her
When sorrow walked with me!

- Unknown

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“God washes the eyes by tears
until they can behold the
invisible land where tears shall
come no More.”

- Henry Ward Beecher



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1 Peter 1:3-9 (NKJV)

³ 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.

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1 Peter 1:3-9 (NKJV)

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,

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1 Peter 1:3-9 (NKJV)

⁹ receiving the end of
your faith--the salvation
of *your* souls.

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1 Peter 5:6-11 (NKJV)

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

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1 Peter 5:6-11 (NKJV)

⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. ¹¹ To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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