

PSALM 30:5

“WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT, BUT
JOY COMES IN THE MORNING.”



DEVOTION:

I hope you enjoy this analogy as much as I did.....

(based off of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*)

The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ. Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments. Three French hens stand for faith, hope, and love. The four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament. The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation. Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. The eight maids a-milking are the eight Beatitudes. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments. The eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples. The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Prayer:

*Father, thank You for the gift of joy.
Thank You for the moments that lift my heart
and for the peace You give even in hard times.
Help me recognize the joy You place in my life each day
and let Your joy be my strength.
May I share that joy with others
and honor You with a grateful heart.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*