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Exodus 5:22 *“Moses returned to the Lord and said ‘O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is this why you sent me? Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all’.”*

Romans 8:24,25 *“For in this hope we are saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”*

When we say ‘Woe is me’ we are expressing our frustration that events are not going as we wanted or hoped. As the current pandemic came to change our way of life we complain and criticise those who we think should have done this or that to avoid the problem.

Moses was the same. His people were being pressured by Pharaoh and his foremen to make bricks without straw. Moses appealed to God to rescue his people (5:22). In reply God counselled patience and await events. *“Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh”* (6:1)

We will always face difficulties in life but we must be patient. Have faith. Trust in God. Paul, beset by persecution for his preaching of the gospel, writes in Romans chapter 8, about eagerly awaiting the coming of a world dominated by God’s love, the eternal redemption of our sins and the banishing of all evil. But it won’t happen immediately we must *“...wait for it patiently”* (8:25)

Remain calm, help others and believe always.

Amen