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Why? Because the sword of His \_\_\_\_\_ is coming against those who continue in their sinful ways.

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Why? Because of the news that is coming! Every heart will melt with \_\_\_\_\_ and every hand will go limp; every spirit will become faint and every leg will be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Why is it appropriate to "grieve" over sin?

1. Because life could be \_\_\_\_\_ for those caught in the grip of sin.
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**A knowledge \_\_\_\_\_**

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