

## TROUBLE IN THE WAY? KEEP THE FAITH.

DON'T LET AFFLICTIONS CAUSE YOU TO DOUBT GOD. TROUBLE AND TRIALS WILL COME.

**We are exhorted to stand strong in the Lord in the midst of trouble, Trusting God for deliverance.**

**Many are the afflictions** of the **righteous**: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

**Psalms 34:19**

God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Psalms 46:1**

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. **In the world ye shall have tribulation**: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

We must realize that this world is not our home. Let us not be as the children of Israel in the wilderness .the wilderness was not their home.

God was bringing them through the wilderness to take them home. But they did not make it home because of doubt. Only two made it home along with the younger generation. The two being Caleb and Joshua. Numbers 14:30

It was not easy for the children of Israel in the wilderness, they went through many trials trying to get to the promise land. But instead of setting their affections on the promise land and trusting God to get them

there, they worried, murmured and complained. They set their minds on wanting peace in the wilderness. They wanted to make themselves satisfied in the wilderness. Their worrying, and complaining, caused them to make a **forty day** journey in forty years.

Numbers 14:34

We cannot make it to our eternal home in heaven, **worrying, doubting, and complaining.**

Don't worry. **Worry is fear**, worry is not trusting God. We don't have faith when we worry. A good soldier in God's army, will endure trials, **trusting God for the victory.** We are told to: Set our affection on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:2

**The Bible says;**

**Love not the world**, neither the things *that are* in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. I John 2:15-16

Don't let doubt, fear, and trouble keep you from inheriting your place in the eternal home prepared for the righteous. We are going to go through some

things that are not pleasant as we travel toward home. But we must not lose courage. The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. **Though he fall**, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand. I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

**Psalms 37:24-25**

For a **just man falleth** seven times, **and riseth up** again: but **the wicked shall fall into mischief**. **Proverbs 24:16**

**Now when a just man fall, he don't fall into mischief, or sin. He falls into misfortune. It is the wicked that falls into mischief.**

My brethren, **count it all joy when ye fall** into divers

temptations ; Knowing *this*, that the **trying of your faith worketh patience**.<sup>4</sup> But **let patience have her perfect work**, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

**James 1:2-3**

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life;** that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

**II Timothy 2:3**

I Peter 4:19 Wherefore **let them that suffer according to the will** of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

**For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;**

**Philippians 1:29**