TRIBULATION

“In the world ye have tribulation…” (John 16:33)

There seems to be an effort on the part of many to promote the idea that Christianity is a life of peace and tranquility. In many instances the warnings in the Bible are ignored or relegated to last place, if at all.

It appears these folks are oblivious to what God taught us in the book of Job. Apparently Job was a successful man and enjoyed a life of peace and tranquility. Beautiful children, riches galore and wealth in livestock that few of us can fathom. But he had tribulation, and lots of it. Not because he was a bad man, or an evil man, but because he was alive.

“But man is born unto trouble, As the sparks fly upward.” He told us. (Job 5:7) “Man, that is born of a woman, Is of few days, and full of trouble.” (Job 14:1) “My heart is troubled, and resteth not; Days of affliction are come upon me.” (Job 30:27)

Christians do not deal with trouble like the world does. In that passage quoted at the beginning, Jesus also said, “These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye may have peace…but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

It is “overcoming the world,” where we have the biggest problem. We try to deal with our difficulties as the world see them and as the world would. We want a solution now! And it must be one we can deal with here! We forget sometimes where our focus is to be. When we get that right, we can and will overcome, with God’s help.

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