

## Times of Trouble

**Psalm 9:9-The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.** (KJV)

Seeking to be united with the Lord on a daily basis is the wise course for life. The Lord is present and a welcome refuge for believers when trouble arises. Being united with the Lord keeps the believer focused, at peace and resolute. Trouble is manageable and put in perspective when the believer is with the Lord. The proof of the value of being united with the Lord occurs through experience.

**Psalm 10:1-Why standest thou afar off, O Lord? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?** (KJV)

If one does not feel the presence of the Lord, more fervent faith is required. Believers with eyes to see will understand the Lord's presence and actions in life. Being blessed by the Lord, to feel the Lord's presence in troubling times brings joy. Feeling the Lord's presence strengthens the believer and increases personal hope. Fervent prayer has a constant place in the believer's life to address arising troubles.

**Psalm 27:5-For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.** (KJV)

Evil exists in the world and seeks to challenge and defeat the Lord's followers. The Lord is present to care for the faithful and to provide ways to escape harm. Faithful followers are known to the Lord and are afforded certain protections. Suffering in the Lord's service is well-honored and faithfully remembered. (Ps.116:15) Miraculous protections by the Lord are regularly recorded in the Church's history.

**Psalm 37:39-But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.** (KJV)

Strength and hope emanating from the Lord are clearly documented in the Psalms. The Psalms have proven their enduring value to generations through the centuries. Placing trust and faith in the Lord brings increased joy to the heart, mind and soul. Seekers of salvation embrace the wisdom of the Psalms and heed their great value. Why turn to unproven paths when the old ways have verified their value? (Jer.6:16)

**Psalm 41:1-Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble** (KJV)

The Lord maintains concern for the poor and those who really care for the poor. Serving the poor is known to God and will be revealed on Judgment Day. (Mt.25:31-46) The Psalms are a source of learning in preparation for when troubles arise in life. Choosing to seek wisdom existent in the Psalms is a sound investment of time. Constructive steps are taken in life when time is invested in studying the Psalms.

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