There is One to Help when Trouble is near

“THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS”

Ps 22:11—*Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.*

1*—My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?* 19*—But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.*

We always need the Lord’s help Divine help is absolutely necessary There are things that only the Lord can do.

1. Only the Lord Jesus Christ can save us from sin.
2. Only the Lord Jesus Christ can deliver our soul from the trouble of eternity.
3. There is trouble only the Lord can help you with.
4. Truly the Lord is with you in trouble

“*for trouble is near”*

Rev. 1:15*—And* ***his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace****; and his voice as the sound of many waters.* Isaiah 48:10*—Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.*

Humanity in trouble is a dreadful conflictThe Divine sustains humanity in the dreadful conflict.

**In the natural there is the nearness of trouble**, and the absence of a helper.

“*for trouble is near; for there is none to help”* Emptied himself of all the supports of human nature.

Ps 22:6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Php 2: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made (emptied) himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

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**Suffering** trouble when you are in close fellowship with Jesus is always victorious

1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2Co 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: Ro 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. 2Co 7:4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

1Co 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

**Suffering** trouble when you are not in close fellowship with Jesus is dangerous.

2Tim. 3:1—*This know also, that in the last days* ***perilous*** *times shall come*.

Mt 8:28—*And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs,* ***exceeding fierce****, so that no man might pass by that way.*

The **very worst trouble** to be in is to have praise in the lips but not in the heart.

Isa 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: 63:3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

Rev. 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Isa 57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him. 54:13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

None could or would not help him, he trod the wine-press alone; yet it was a sore trial to find that all his disciples had forsaken him, and lover and friend were put far from him.

**In the Spiritual there is the nearness of trouble** but a very present help in trouble.

Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

We should think upon the sufferings and resurrection of Christ, till we feel in our souls the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings.

Php 3:10—*That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;* Col. 1:11*—Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;* 1Peter 1:6*—Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:*

The crucified Son of David, Son of God, son of man continues to pour out his grievance and prayer. We need much grace while reading, praying and listening we may have fellowship with his sufferings. We need the Holy Ghost leading us into the most clear understanding of our Redeemer's woes and crucifixion.

Psalm 22 is Full of striking sentences about our Lord's suffering.

**The right understanding** of the sufferings of Christ will bring the most glorious praise.

**Ps 22:22** I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.

29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.

**Ps 22:3** But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

God wants to dwell with us and in us.

**Ps 22:7** All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. 10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.

Our birth was our weakest and most perilous time of life; we were delivered by Omnipotent tenderness, surely His divine goodness will not fail us now.

Ps 22:11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.

12 **Many bulls** have compassed me: **strong bulls** of Bashan have beset me round.

(numerous, fierce, and strong enemies.)

bull, chiefest, mighty (one), stout(-hearted), strong (one), valiant.

13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a **ravening** and a **roaring lion**.

(fierce and blasphemous) (greedy) Ps 17:12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

(expressive of extreme weakness, the most exhausting sufferings.)

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

Broken pieces of the work of the potter (tormented in every single part as to feel broken into separate atoms, and each atom full of misery)

16 For **dogs** have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

(greedy and fierce)

Isa 56:11 Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

(All His bones were visible, so that they could be counted and recounted)

Ungodly and unholy eyes staring insultingly upon the Saviors’ nakedness

If they could only look into His eyes (Most Holy Eyes, the greatest Love)

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

(Gambling hardens the heart, none but gamblers could have been brutish enough to cast lots where the blood of Jesus was falling) no disciples were in this gamble

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the **power of the dog**.

21 Save me from the **lion's mouth**: for thou hast heard me from the **horns of the unicorns.**

**(most imminent danger, from the most powerful enemy, represented by the unicorn or wild buffalo.)**

tusk of the elephant! from the mouth of the tiger and the tusks of the boar, deliver me, deliver me!" Who will save me from the horn of the unicorn? This animal is now extinct in these regions, and it is not easy to determine what it was; the word in the Sathur -- Agarathe -- is rendered "jungle cow."

Ps 107:8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

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Ps 107:31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Ps 107:6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. 19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. 28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

Jer 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Eze 33: 31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. 32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.

Mt 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Jer 4:3 ¶ For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. 7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. 11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse, 12 Even a full wind from those places shall come unto me: now also will I give sentence against them. {a full or, fuller wind than those} {give...utter judgments}

1:16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. 6:19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

Jer 17:12 A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now.

16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil.

18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

Jer 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Ho 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Ho 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Ac 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing** on the right hand of God,

Song 2:9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: **behold, he standeth** behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

Re 3:20 **Behold, I stand** at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Joh 8:10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

Mt 20:32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?

Mr 10:49 And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.