

“...in the World You have Tribulation”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Romans 8:18-23

I. Tribulation Over “The Long-Haul, ” (Romans 8:35-39)

A. Our Worst Fear . . . (vs. 35-36)

1. (Rom. 8:35a), “Who/What shall separate us from the love of Christ?”
 - a. A Christian’s greatest fear is that they can be separated from Christ now and in heaven eternally.

Psalm 8:4

Romans 7:18

Luke 23:19

- b. But such is not the case. No circumstance, situation or event could cause Him to turn away from us.
 - 1) *“Shall Tribulation:* struggles, trials, suffering, anguish, or affliction
 - 2) *Distress:* Trouble, strain, agony not knowing which way to turn or what to do
 - 3) *Persecution:* abused, mocked, ridiculed, shamed, harassed, attacked, injured
 - 4) *Famine:* To have no food, to have no way to secure food, to be starving
 - 5) *Nakedness:* To be stripped of all clothes and earthly comforts, to be bare, everything taken away.
 - 6) *Peril :* to be exposed to severe risks, confronted with terrible dangers to body, mind, soul
 - 7) *Sword:* To be killed, martyred!
2. This is no “garden variety tribulation,” for it is experienced because of our relationship with Jesus!
 - a (Rom. 8:36), “Just as it is written, ‘For YOUR sake we are being put to death all day long....’”

Matthew 5:10-12

John 15:20

2 Timothy 3:12

- b. If a someone experiences any of these things, imagine how they feel! . . .

Mark 14:50

Matthew 27:46

Isaiah 53:3-5

B. Our Greatest Victory . . . (vs. 37-39)

1. (v. 37), “*But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.*”

a. Notice the nature of this incredible conquest . . .

b. But that’s not the way it feels – is it? We don’t feel all that victorious... do we?! The reason why is...

c. Victory requires turning the outcome over to Him, and then trusting Him daily until we reach the victory.

Ephesians 2:6

Romans 8:30

2 Corinthians 4:18; 5:7

d. So how can we practically apply this to our lives? (vs. 138-39).

Matthew 7:9-11

Matthew 21:22

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

2. So how can we partner with each other that we may achieve this *overwhelming victory*?

a. The most significant thing we can do when others are anxious, afraid, or overwhelmed, is to . . .

Hebrews 3:13

Philippians 4:6-7; 2 Timothy 1:7; Philippians 4:8

Matthew 11:28; John 14:27; Ephesians 2:17

Isaiah 40:31; Joshua 1:9; Psalm 37:39

Matthew 28:19-20