"But the Salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: He is their <u>Strength In The Time Of Trouble</u>. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him." Psalm 37:39-40 KJV

In these times of chaos and calamity we often think ourselves in a place of no escape, but our God is the God of the impossible! "With God ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels



charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." Is God really your refuge? It's not what some man says is God's Word, but of what the Holy Spirit convinces you in your heart. "The Spirit of Truth will guide you into all Truth." The Holy Spirit indwells and guides every true believer, not those who say they are, but those who KNOW they are. If you KNOW, no explanation is needed, but if you don't KNOW, no explanation will suffice. It begins with repentance. "God has Commanded men everywhere to repent." Repentance is obedience to God's Word. But it doesn't stop there. You will never KNOW the Joy and Peace possible with consistent trusting obedience and fellowship with your Creator! If you KNOW Him, none will ever convince you otherwise, no matter their "proof." God "is a rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY seek Him." Those who find "error" in Scripture, wickedly look for an excuse to disobey. They are blind fools who will never "KNOW" God! "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God. The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not." On the other hand, trusting obedience surrounds you with "Eternal Life," and you cannot die, because "your life is hid with Christ in God. "With His death, Jesus forever killed death for every believer. If I cannot die, what is there to fear? I may endure suffering on earth, but then eternal bliss at the right hand of my Beloved Lord. Paradise was a place, now gone. "For Christ also...went and preached unto the spirits in prison. When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive." Bliss is God, forever present! The pre-Cross faithful waited in Paradise for the fulfillment of "The Promise." Then Jesus descended into the "belly of the earth, [and] led captivity captive. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself." Paradise no longer exists. True believers are directly in the Presence of God when the "body of this death" finally falls away, because God is already there, waiting to receive them! Nothing but unbelief can prevent it. Trouble is temporal; true pleasure is eternal. "At Thy Right Hand are PLEASURES forevermore!" You "KNOW" if you are one of His. Jesus said "My sheep know My Voice and they follow me." The evidence you KNOW Him is that you follow Him. "Hereby we do KNOW that we KNOW Him: If we keep (obey) His Commandments." No obedience = no relationship! Does your life say you KNOW God?

> Trouble will come and troubles go, There is no fright or pain or woe, Can hold the one, who truly knows, That God will conquer ev'ry foe. –CGP

Dear Defenders of the Faith, your Champion, Christ, has already won the war! When He finally steps from His Throne to meet His and your enemies, His very presence will vaporize their bodies as their souls descend into hell!

"And, behold, I come quickly; and My Reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.' Blessed are they that DO His Commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into The City." Revelation 22:12-14 KJV