

jan 18

times of turmoil

"in the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." john 16:33

one only needs to look around and see how the beginning of birth pangs have begun. while people have always been starving in various parts of the world, it is now expanding it's reach. the land of plenty is becoming the land of want. if one could even afford certain things, they often aren't available. darkness is in quick descent around us, but daylight is awaiting on the other side. many people are frolicking in their sinful ways, oblivious to what lies ahead.

"He says the best way out is always through. and i can agree to that, or in so far, as that i can see no way out but through." - robert frost yes, this world is certain to deliver us trouble. many will become wearied along the way, offering their silent consent to the acts of others. others have been deceived into believing the lie. "but we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul." heb 10:39 while it may destroy some, those who cling to Christ know that, "when He has tested me, i shall come forth as gold." job 23:10

i have a dear friend i just wrote an email to and i spoke of how God places us in the cleft of the rock. of course that rock is Jesus and it will provide a haven for true believers in the times ahead. we all knew we would have to endure through some of the

darkness, but it's scope so far makes one wonder how anyone will survive the great tribulation.

believers, "have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us." heb 6:18 we have sought sanctuary under the shadow of His wings. friends, we are in spiritual warfare and anyone who is not firm in their faith and full of the Spirit will be in a heap of hurt. but, "how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" heb 2:3

while it's easy to praise God when all is going right, muscles (meaning faith) must be exercised to grow. determination must come against resistance. this pilgrimage of our will never be without it's troubles. besides all the things going on in the world, turmoil is burdening many lives. while it may be evident in some, others go undetected, hiding the pain within.

one would never know just looking at someone what may be going on behind the scene and inside them. this is an opportune time to share the grace and mercy of our Lord. we must be ready in season and out of season, walking in the Holy Spirit and discernment. some are filled with anger, hate and perversion and desire to walk on in the darkness. others are struggling in fear and confusion, being bombarded by the darkness surrounding and are seeking an escape into the light.

i have wonderful news. the God on the mountain is still God in the valley.

when you walk through a storm hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark.

at the end of the storm there's a golden sky and the sweet silver song of the lark.

walk on through the wind, walk on, through the rain,
though your dreams be tossed and blown.
walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart and you'll
never walk alone. you'll never walk alone.

worship the Lord your God through the circumstances.
they are temporary and subject to change. the Word of
God is not. it is that rock the Lord spoke of: "and
the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds
blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it
was founded upon a rock." matt 7:25

"unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain
who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the
watchman stays awake in vain." psa 127:1 build your
life on a solid foundation... your life now and your
future life. build it on that Rock. that's all that
will get any of us through the times of turmoil.

on flight 93 on 911, when faced with the inevitable,
todd beamer boldly said, "let's roll" as they turned
their attack on the attackers. the attack on us may
seem physical indeed, but the root of it and all things
is spiritual. so in the spirit of elijah we must see
and operate in his power.

the scripture says, "behold, I will send you elijah the
prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day
of the Lord." mal 4:5 elijah has already come once.
before the great day of the Lord, john the baptist came
in his spirit. we now await his coming again before

the dreadful day of the Lord. "do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."
2 kings 6:16