

YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION

JOHN 16

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Introduction:

The attack on America September 11 by terrorists has caused a heightened degree of uncertainty and anxiety throughout the world.

Many here are concerned about their safety.

Many here are concerned about their futures as employees.

Many parents are concerned about their children that are serving in the armed services.

Many young people are concerned about the possibility of being drafted into the military.

During such times what should we do? We should turn to the One Source of hope: The Lord.

Notice as Jesus speaks concerning these things.

1. HIS PROMISE (v. 33)

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A. Shall have tribulation

No one could have guessed it could or would happen on our soil but it has.

(2 Tim 3:1) "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come."

(Mat 24:1-7) "And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple. {2} And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. {3} And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? {4} And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. {5} For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. {6} And ye shall hear of wars and

rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. {7} For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."

(Mat 24:11-12) "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. {12} And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

(Mat 24:22-24) "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. {23} Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. {24} For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

(Mat 24:32-35) "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: {33} So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. {34} Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. {35} Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

B. I have overcome the world

- This promise is a promise of certainty.

(Rom 8:35-39) "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? {36} As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. {37} Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. {38} For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, {39} Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(1 John 4:4) "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

(Col 1:27) "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:"

2. HIS PEACE (V. 33)

(John 16:33) "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

It is a peace that transcends circumstances.

It is a peace that transcends oppression.

It is a peace that transcends even death and terror.

(Phil 4:6-7) "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. {7} And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

- Don't worry about anything.
- Pray about everything.

A. This peace will keep your heart.

1. Keep us from being frightened and quitting.

B. This peace will keep your mind.

1. Keep us from going insane.

3. HIS PRESENCE

(Mat 28:20) "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

- A. He was present on 9/11/01
- B. He is present with us when we are fearful.
- C. He is present with us when we face danger.
- D. He will be present with us in our dying day.

(Heb 13:5) "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Leave = let up or slack

Forsake = to leave behind

4. OUR PREPARATION

(Rom 3:23) "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

(Rom 6:23) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

(Rom 10:9-10) "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. {10} For with the heart man believeth unto

righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

(Rom 10:13) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Close:

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We have and will continue to face troubled days, but we can do it with confidence, hope, and assurance.

We are told to be of good cheer.

Why?

Because HE has overcome the world, and is ever present with HIS children.