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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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The Troubles of Life

JOB 5:7 NKJV – (7) For man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upward.

Even foolish people can occasionally say wise things. However, we must always be careful and discerning. In **Job 4-5**, Eliphaz argued that the innocent never suffer and that Job must have sinned to deserve the wrath of God. We know this is not true. The devil often mixes in truth to make his lies seem feasible. We must constantly discern between truth and error, and God's reliable Word and Satan's half truths.

Now in the verse above, it is true as a principal for life. Are you going through troubles right now?

Have you ever said to yourself, "God, how did I get into this mess?" You may be in the midst of an emotional hurricane right now wondering, can anything good come out of this situation? Or you may be stumbling through the after math of a physical or financial crisis, fearful that you'll never get back on your feet. Could it be that God is allowing certain trails for one or more reasons.....

- 1) To turn your attention back or to Him
- 2) To adjust your priorities
- 3) To purify and prepare you for great service
- 4) To better form you into His image
- 5) To grant you the experience of His comfort

Whether your hardship is a result of sin, unwise choices or simply consequences of living in a fallen world, God still has a plan for your life. He is aware of your circumstances, He has not forgotten His promises and He will guide you through your difficult to victory.

"Man is born of trouble." But Jesus declared, "In the world you will have tribulation", "But take courage, I have overcome the world."

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 16:33

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Trouble doesn't last for long.

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