

Message: The Afflictions of the Righteous**Text: Psalms 34 vs. 19 and John 16 verse 33****Bible Passage: Job 1 verses 6- End and Job 42 verses 10- 17**

In Psalms 34 verse 19, the Bible says “many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all” also in John 16 verse 33, the Bible says “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”. What the two texts are telling us is that

- The righteous shall experience many tribulations , attacks and be afflicted
- The degree or your level of righteousness will determine your affliction
- Afflictions or attacks have no regard for your calling or your age
- The world we are is full of problems
- The world have no solution to your problems
- Only Jesus can solve your problem that is why Jesus said the he has overcome the world.

What then is affliction?

- Pains
- Suffering
- Challenges
- Problems
- Barriers
- Attack (Physical and spiritual)

What can attract affliction? In the case of Job, his righteous living was the main reason for Satan to afflict him

- Righteous living
- Doing good to others
- Loving others just like yourself
- Right standing with God and with man
- Hating the counsel of the wicked
- Knowledge of God and things of God
- Your service in the house of God
- Faithfulness
- Trustworthiness
- Honesty
- Honourable
- When you have control over your tongue
- When you happy with the progress of others

Ways by which affliction can come?

- Storms
- Sickness
- Flood
- Physical attack
- Stealing

Areas of attack / affliction

- Marriage
- Health
- Finance
- Church
- Soul
- Business
- Career
- Relationship with others
- Calling and spiritual life
- Prayer life
- Voice
- Properties
- Sight (spiritual and physical)

Who is this enemy that is causing affliction for the righteous?

the greatest enemy of right is wrong, of light is darkness, so the greatest enemy of man is the accuser "Satan" who according to Revelation 12 verse 10 "and I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down which accused them before our God day and night"

What is God saying?

God is promising us in Nahum 1 verse 12 "Thus saith the Lord; though they be quiet and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee I will afflict thee no more" and in verse 9 the Bible says "what do ye imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end; affliction shall not rise up the second time"

What must we do to partake of this promise?

- Return to God like the prodigal son
- Surrender your life to Christ
- Form the habit of calling upon the Lord daily
- Seeking his face in all that you are doing
- Call upon him as in Mark 4 verse 38

Prayer

1. Father Lord I thank you for your power to stop affliction accept my thanks in the name of Jesus
2. Thou power of affliction in y foundation die in the name of Jesus
3. Stronghold of affliction in my life break to pieces in the name of Jesus
4. Inherited affliction troubling my laughter expire and rise no more in the name of Jesus
5. Tree of affliction and bad luck die from the root in the name of Jesus
6. Sickness that has defiled medical treatment blood of Jesus heal me today in the name of Jesus

7. Those waking up at night to afflict my soul, light of God expose and destroy them in broad day light in the name of Jesus
8. All those afflicting my soul and pretending to be my helper the Lord waste you in the name of Jesus
9. Arrows of affliction fired into my head backfire in the name of Jesus
10. Arrows of affliction fired in to my blood go back to sender in the name of Jesus
11. Arrows of affliction inform of cancer fired into my breast hear the word of the Lord go back to your sender in the name of Jesus
12. Arrows of affliction fired into my finance in form of hole in the pocket backfire in the name of Jesus
13. Thou power of repeated affliction following me around release me and go back to your sender in the name of Jesus
14. Holy Ghost expose and remove afflictions inside of my foundation in the name of Jesus
15. Afflictions buried inside of my life to kill me slowly blood of Jesus remove and send them back to sender in the name of Jesus
16. Oh God arise and give me a life that affliction cannot kill in the name of Jesus
17. I shall not die of affliction in the name of Jesus
18. Lord Jesus, you died so that I might be saved, save me from arrows of untimely death and affliction in the name of Jesus
19. Altars erected in my village to afflict my soul scatter to pieces in the name of Jesus
20. Evil priests hired by my enemies to afflict my soul and destiny, fall down and die before your altars in the name of Jesus