

## **TROUBLE CAME**

*"Trouble came"* Job 3:26

### **A MAN WHO KNEW TROUBLE**

The Bible holds Job out as a man whose conversance on the topic of trouble is unmatched. Few would challenge his mastery of the subject. And when Job was attempting to come to grips with the magnitude of the loss he was experiencing, not least of which was the simultaneous, sudden catastrophic deaths of each of his ten children, he uttered the chilling words that serve as our text, "*Trouble came*" (Job 3:26). Job was a man who knew trouble.

### **THE UNIVERSALITY OF TROUBLE**

In the light of his counselors' assurances that he had somehow done something to deserve the destruction that had fallen on him, Job waxed philosophical and said, "*Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble*" (Job 14:1). It is hard to argue with the truth expressed in those few words. Trouble does come to all of us.

### **YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT**

No one reading these words needs me to tell them that. We all have our own experiences with troubles that come in so many variations. Many of them emerge from the problems of those we love. Few moms and dads, grandpas and grandmas have not felt the sting of hot tears on their cheeks or spent lonely hours pacing the floor or calling out to God on bended knees because of trouble and its effects on the people's lives they love. Once again, these are not words of revelation, only compassionate confirmation. You are not alone in what you are going through.

### **THE TROUBLES OF THE WHOLE WORLD**

Our Savior was, of course, familiar with trouble. He carried the burdens of the world on His shoulders. Remember Jesus wept over Jerusalem before dragging that heavy cross through its streets. Later, He was nailed to it to free us from the controlling power of our sin and to remove all doubt as to the extent He was willing to go to help us in our troubles.

### **THE TROUBLES YOU ARE EXPERIENCING**

Paul may have been contemplating these and similar matters when he referenced our God as the one "*Who comforteth us in all our tribulation*" (II Corinthians 1:4). He feels your pain. Let Him dry those tears as you lean heavily on His shoulder. Cast your care on Him and trust His care for you. Give it to the Saviour who has also wept over you. You will find as David did that, "*In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall he Hide me*" (Psalm 27:5).