Good Morning, July 11, 2014

“The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.” (Proverbs 11:8). Ever since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden trouble has been a part of life. Can you imagine coming home from work one day and finding out your oldest son, the third human being that ever lived, had just killed his brother? Now that is trouble! Christians have something the lost do not; that is the blessed Holy Ghost as our guide. God allows trials in our life to allow us the chance to show off His power. Always look at trouble as an opportunity to be Christ-like and make your Heavenly Father proud of you. Have a great day!

Brother Van Horn

Good Morning, July 12, 2014

“God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1).

In September of 2009, Michael Jordon was inducted into the basketball hall of fame. No doubt he was one of the greatest players that has ever played the game. At the conclusion of his speech, Jordon made this statement, “The game of basketball has been everything to me. My refuge. My place I've always gone when I needed to find comfort and peace. It's been a source of intense pain, and a source of most intense feelings of joy and satisfaction.”[[1]](#endnote-1)

The world will offer you many places when seeking satisfaction with the pursuits of your life. These places will dominate your time, finances and be the leading factor in your future. The Bible describes these as *temporal:* “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18).

According to the dictionary, a refuge is “a condition of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or trouble.” Basketball may have been a place where Jordon ran to when he was seeking comfort and peace, but one day He will need much more than a basketball can offer.

Only a close walk with the LORD will give you a true place of refuge; a place where truth exposes error and a life that provides eternal rewards. One day you will look back on your life with either regret for wasted time and money, or true comfort and peace knowing your life has pleased our Saviour. The world can only offer a refuge from the storm without a roof. Have a great day!

Good Morning, July 21, 2014

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you” (Hebrews 13:17). The pulpit of a preacher has been provided to every believer as a personal counseling appointment. If you allow the man of God through the preaching of God’s Word to direct your every action in life, you will have the joy promised in God’s Word. This brings great delight to the LORD as well as the preacher. Why preachers must preach truth and not compromise is threefold. First, we know it is true and His principles will work and his chastisements are as real as the nose on your face; second, we are commanded to speak the truth with love or face His wrath; third, someday we will stand be God and give an account for the counsel we gave. We will be there when God rewards you for your obedience and shout the glory and we will be there when He rebukes you for your disobedience and shows you the result of your sin; we will weep with you. Make it easy on yourself and the man of God! Have a great day!

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1. <http://www.sweetspeeches.com/s/1281-michael-jordan-michael-jordan-s-hall-of-fame-speech#ixzz37Fm4paIT> [↑](#endnote-ref-1)