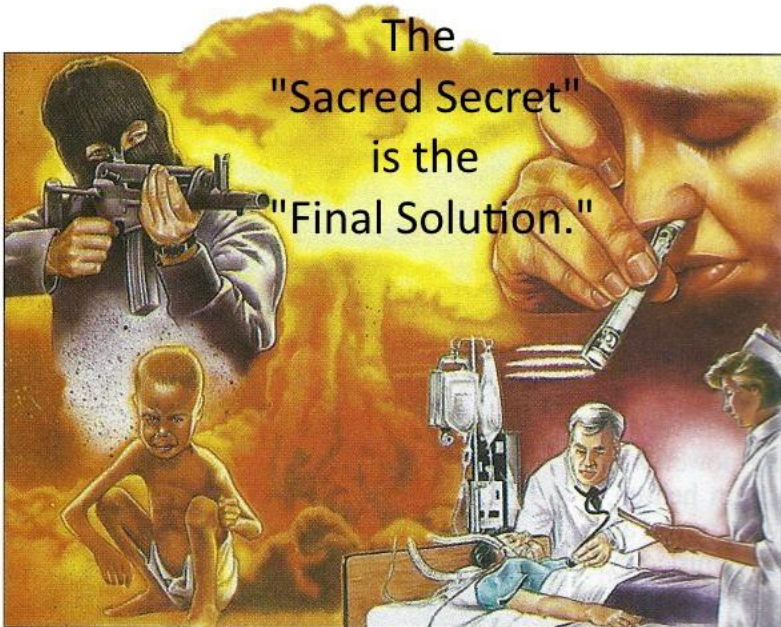


# Is it wrong to find comfort in the tribulation...?



[Romans 16:25-27](#) GNB Let us give glory to God! He is able to make you stand firm in your faith, according to the Good News I preach about Jesus Christ and according to ***the revelation of the [sacred] secret*** truth which was hidden for long ages in the past. (26) Now, however, that truth has been brought out into the open through the writings of the prophets; and by the command of the eternal God ([Mat 17:5](#)) it is made known to all nations, so that all may believe and obey. (27) To [the only God](#), who alone is all-wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever! Amen.

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Is it wrong to take comfort in God's destruction of the wicked? ([Ps 37:8-19](#)) Then, is it realistic to believe the tribulation is what we see happening? When I watch the news, and see new fire storms being equated with visions of hellfire, new wars and earthquakes, the pandemic (some even assert corona virus is manmade) and all the many other escalating horrors, isn't that the tribulation (Jesus promised)? ([Mat 24:21-22](#)) Are we, then, witnessing the precursor (or herald) to the final destruction of all wicked people? ([Mark 13:8](#); [Heb 10:35-39](#))

At 73 years of age, I do find comfort in the tribulation. It brings relief because it is forcing an awakening; and, I trust God has the power and desire to both protect me alive ([Psalm 91](#)) and to restore my youthful vigor and strength. ([Job 33:13-30](#)) Having heard God's later day command to listen to his son, ([Mark 9:7](#)) I believe Jesus when he taught what will happen to each of us will be precisely "what we believe" will happen. ([Mat 8:13](#); [Mat 9:29](#); [Mat 15:28](#); [Mat 15:29-31](#)) Hearing Jesus, I have faith I should hold my head high when I see these things he warned ~~warned~~ *promised* would happen (the tribulation). ([Luke 21:28 of 25-28](#)) I believe God's spirit is alive ([Heb 4:12 of 12-13](#); [Rev 19:13 of 11-14](#)) within Christ's words, ([John 6:63](#); [John 6:63+](#)) and I believe Jesus when he said taking in God's spirit would grant us life within ourselves. ([John 6:53](#)) It is the act of consuming the value of Christ's life, then, that produces life in ourselves. ([John 6:53-58](#); [John 6:53 & 57](#), [Rev 19:13](#), [John 6:63](#), [Mat 4:4](#), [John 4:34](#)) [*By carefully basing our faith on the words of God's son, we "eat his flesh and drink his blood"; we consume "the bread from heaven" and we drink "the*

waters of life.” ([John 4:5-26](#); [John 6:31-35](#); [John 6:53-58](#))] The escalating tribulation is the writing on the wall. ([Dan 5:3-7 & 22-31](#)) All are being forced to consider God... ([Php 2:10-11 of 5-11](#)) Each one desiring to obey is turning to his son, ([Mat 17:5](#)) else, [they remain set](#) in a faith in the [religion](#) or sect they have previously chosen. Please allow me to clarify:

I write because I sometimes struggle to explain, even to myself, why the tribulation brings comfort. Maybe not so much that it's hard to answer, as having a desire to not have my answer cause everyone who hears it to hate me; or even worse, I fear my words might cause someone to view our [Creator](#) in a bad light. Still, I have no other ~~real~~ *valid* choice; and I don't think you do either. We either hear God's command, ([Mat 17:5](#)) and then actually listen to his son (by reading Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), or, we choose faith in one of the many religious sects; each group asserting leaders with a special connection to God such that we must join them to be blessed. In the light of what Jesus himself warned, however, that second choice is not a valid option. ([Mat 23:1-15](#); [Mat 7:15-16a](#)) All the different religious sects appear terrified to speak to their sheep about our living in the midst of tribulation: Either they don't know to warn about the need (to actually listen to Christ), or, they realize doing so exposes them as useless frauds. ([Acts 20:29-30](#) – *Probably because of reading [Mat 23:6-10](#), one church has started calling their leaders “Under-shepherds,” instead of Reverend or Father or Elder etc. They must imagine giving their leaders softer or loving sounding “titles” will somehow mitigate they are ignoring Jesus’s warning against following men.*) So, I do take comfort in the escalating tribulation, because it is forcing everyone to face the only issue of life that matters! One man said on the news, after seeing Covid ravaged corpses thrown in and floating down the Ganges River, “this really is the end of the world.” After another witnessed his community burning in what he said looked like the fires of hell, and then seeing the same in videos coming from nations burning around the earth, said these catastrophes are “Biblical.”

It's certainly not the harm to any person that brings me comfort, then, but the [awakening](#) of humankind.

To understand, let's imagine God is dividing everyone alive into three groups. That's not really accurate, though. Let's refine it to say mankind has existed in one group for a very long time, and God is now using Christ Jesus to [separate that group](#) into two. ([Mat 25:31-33](#)) It's similar to what happened in the days of Noah. ([Mat 24:36-40](#)) Noah and his boat divided then existing mankind into two groups: The ones who got in the boat (eight people) and were preserved alive, and the other group made up of individuals left behind to die. That division was God's simple solution to the wickedness mankind had produced on the earth: Those who hated badness and wanted to listen to God got on the ark. Those who didn't get on the boat, died.

God has a similar solution to our wicked world. ([Luke 17:24-30](#))

We could talk about how bad world conditions are, but everyone who isn't [stupid](#) already knows. The wicked don't mind harming and/or stealing from others; and are no longer afraid of being caught or punished. ([Ecc 8:11-13](#)) So... Just as He did in Noah's day, God is again dealing with all who are wicked. Those who are actively expressing faith in God's son, however, have climbed into the ark. Those not in the boat (of faith) will continue dying in their sins. ([John 8:24](#))

Most or at least many people assert they are Christians. World conditions belie that claim. When I said those who survive our present tribulation will be "actively" (or actually) following Christ, I chose those words to highlight a failure I fear on the part of many self-asserted Christians. Many appear to be [following one of the church's](#) and have been deceived by their leaders to imagine following their sect of men is the same as following Christ. Some may be sincere. Thankfully, God is the One [judging](#)! I am not. If I pay attention only to Christ, that sets me free of having to judge anyone except myself. ([John 3:16-21](#)) A question deciding your life would seem to be: Since God specifically commanded us to listen to his son, ([Mat 17:5](#)) and then Jesus warned about false prophets,

([Mat 7:15](#)) will God protect us if we follow a sect of men? ([Mat 15:9](#)) And, in the case of radical sects we should ask, is God really shielding people who follow others who are so arrogant and foolish as to judge they are the only true servants of God? [You must choose](#)... That choice is, of course, the very display or “image” of “your faith.” It illustrates which God you have chosen to worship. Your decision means your life!

[It doesn't matter what you call yourself, or what you assert you are](#). It doesn't matter how many “brothers and sisters” you have who “approve” your worship. The only, and the very simple thing that does matter, is whether you have heard God's single latter day command: Are you listening to his son? ([Mat 17:5](#)) Gaining life through Christ requires a deliberate choice to read [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#); reading them through beginning to end. Reading the words of Christ is important because it shows you recognize God's command to hear his son, and also, that you have heard Jesus's warning about false teachers. ([Mat 7:15](#)) Reading the Gospels “through” indicates you appreciate your need to listen to what Christ said “in context.” My simple faith is this: If you have heard God's command, ([Mark 9:7](#)) and you actually are listening to Jesus, that choice would seem to indicate you have climbed in the ark (chosen life). One man expressed, “I finally see the big picture: The Old Testament was inspired by God but spoken from the minds of imperfect men, and so, is a little bit jumbled. Christ had a perfect mind and came to explain and make sense of it all. Jesus said while he was teaching, however, after his going away, other (inspired but) imperfect men would jumble it up again.” ([Mat 24:11](#); [Acts 20:29-30](#)) I appreciate that man's observation! My approval, however, or the approval of any other person (or sect), has no meaning or value. While I do judge myself by my faith, I don't even know if my judgment of my-own-self is accurate. ([1 Cor 4:4 of 1-5](#)) My words can not put you in the Boat. Only faith in the words of Jesus Christ can do that! The Bible, outside the Gospels, serve as a tutor to help us see our need for, and then put faith in, Jesus Christ. ([Gal 3:23-26](#)) Realizing that need, we are no longer under that tutor. We need to listen to the words of Christ, found only in [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#).

With that relatively simple (scriptural) understanding, then, let's revisit our question: Are we witnessing the tribulation, which will in turn blossom into [Armageddon](#), thus destroying everyone wicked? And, should we find comfort in that knowledge? ([Luke 21:28 of 22-28](#))

While the tribulation brings me comfort, ([Luke 21:28 of 25-28](#)) does that mean I think all the people who are being killed around the earth are wicked? I wouldn't and don't presume that at all. Were all the individuals who died in the flood wicked? Maybe they were. I don't know. In the case of the city of Sodom, the Bible does tell us "All the individuals of the city, both young and old, were there" to take part in their wicked behavior. ([Gen 19:4-5 of 1-26](#)) That makes me believe the people of Sodom were, every single one, wicked. The angels encouraged Lot to bring out everyone he could. Even in the midst of the turmoil and miracles they were witnessing, they chose to believe Lot's warning was a joke.

([Gen 19:12-14 of 1-26](#)) While I don't know if all the people in Noah's day were wicked, *what I do know* is none were "on the Boat." And that's my point: To be preserved alive, you must first realize your need to be "on the ark" (of your faith in Christ's words)! If some of Noah's neighbors (or their children) were not wicked, they might receive a resurrection and be given the same choice we all have right now: To join Jesus Christ in obedience to his Father; ([John 6:38-47](#)) or not. ([Mat 15:7-9](#)) The gifts of God are for him alone to give. Putting true faith in Jesus would seem to first require knowing who he is, by knowing what he *actually* said!

In the news covering Sun, Aug, 22, 2021, from Waverly, TN, USA, a flood arose when 21 inches of rain fell in 24 hours with 9 inches falling in just three. Twenty some people were killed by the flash flood. Two infant twins were drowned inside their own home. Does that news encourage me? Perhaps the more important question to ask, which I hope returns the same answer: How does the God of the Bible feel about that flood and the death of those babies? It is, of course, terrible nearly beyond words. The Bible tells us God loves everyone and doesn't want anyone to die. ([2 Pet 3:9 of 8-10](#)) Some believe God's love covers any sin they might choose to practice. ([2 Pet 3:5-7](#)) The Bible says, however, all the wicked

will soon be killed by God. ([1 Cor 6:9-11](#); [Ps 37:27-40](#)) The wicked must die, don't you see, because they have once again destroyed the world by their wickedness. ([Gen 6:9-14](#)) [Genesis 6:12](#) tells us the earth was ruined because "all flesh had ruined its way" on the earth. So... The world of Noah's day was actually already destroyed; they had destroyed themselves. They had made their world an unfit place for people to live. God just finalized their destruction. Today, people have once again become so vile and wicked they are in the process of destroying people all around. If God didn't intervene, we'd kill everyone. ([Mat 24:21-22](#)) I saw video from Afghanistan the other day (Aug of 2021) where people were so terrified to get out, they were hanging onto the outside of an airplane that was leaving. They were then seen falling to their death after the plane was airborne. God certainly didn't do that! How, though, can we reconcile and agree with God's choice to allow people to die (including even those little children in TN). *[Please take special note: What I said is [God allowed them to die](#), not that He killed them. It seems God extended a measure of protection for humankind (but not to each individual), during the time his servants were (being) marked. In other words, during this tribulation we caused, God is allowing people to die; but the Bible does say his angels did first hold back, but then released, the tribulation's deadly force. ([Rev 6:15-7:3 & 7:9-17](#)) Soon, however, at Armageddon (which is the end the [tribulation](#)), God will destroy all the wicked while protecting alive those [marked](#) in their forehead (by having exercised true faith in Christ). ([Rev 16:15-16](#); [Rev 19:17-19](#))]* Wise people can understand and agree with God, just by realizing who is responsible for the death of those children. Who was responsible for the destruction of Noah's day? God said it was everyone who had, by their own free will, chosen to "ruin their way." Satan is, of course, the root cause of death. ([Rom 5:12](#)) God is guiltless because He told his first human son and daughter to be obedient and they would be happy. They chose, however, to rebel and follow his enemy. ([Gen 2:7-9 & 16-17 & 3:1-6](#)) God is not responsible for all the horrors their (and our) disobedience continues to bring. What God has done is make a way out for those seeking him! ([2 Chron 16:9](#)) We just need to listen to his son instead of Satan.



[\(2 Cor 11:12-15\)](#) Obedience to God thus equates with being “in the ark.” Some people do seem more anxious to “help” others as conditions get worse. While such kindness is good, I fear that is not climbing into the ark. God’s “command” is to listen to his son, not to try and fix this world. This world system is being destroyed. You show you are “in the ark” by warning others what is happening, so they too have a chance to hear Christ. That is the only real help you can be. All other good works seem just polishing the brass on a sinking ship; knee deep in water.

God is patient and tolerant, ([2 Pet 3:8-10](#); [1 Pet 3:20 of 15-22](#)) in part, because He didn’t make you a robot, thus compelling your actions and speech. He made you a person capable of being his friend. ([Jam 2:23](#)) True friendship first requires you have freedom to choose to be a friend. In other words, you were created as a free moral person with the ability to [choose what you love and hate](#). Sadly, our first parents chose badly so we today live in the world of their making. Their defiance is the reason people die. God gives us broad instruction ([Ecc 12:11-14](#)) to protect us against misusing our freedom to rebel against his direction: If we disobey, we harm both ourselves and each other. God tolerated sin for [6000 years](#) in order to end it eternally at Armageddon. ([Acts 17:29-31](#)) Jesus summarized by saying we need only to love our [Creator](#) with our whole heart and soul and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. ([Mat 22:36-40](#)) That would certainly include being obedient to [God](#). ([Deu 30:19-20](#); [Deu 11:13 of 11-17](#))

Today, we witness the tribulation Jesus promised. ([Mat 24:21-22](#); [Mark 13:19-20](#)) Who is to blame for the hurt? Please consider: Over the course of our [6000 years](#) since Adam, we have polluted the earth in most ways imaginable. We have pumped out of her insides an estimated 1 trillion plus 500 billion barrels of oil. Then, we burned them all in her atmosphere. That oil may have been in the earth, at least in part, to protect against the harshness of plate shifts within the earth’s crust. Pumping out all that oil left voids that are either vacant, thus weakening her crust; or, they have filled with 1 and ½ trillion barrels of the earth’s water, having who knows what effect. We have set off nuclear explosions

in her atmosphere and down in her insides, producing shock waves that can be felt all around her surface. We have ravaged her by cutting away huge areas of protective vegetation and destroying entire species in our wake. In addition to that, we have hated and abused our fellow man to the point hatred is rife. There are people who have so much hate they would enslave or even destroy entire races if they were allowed by man and God. Many are bad and have no love for others. ([Mat 24:12 of 3-14](#))

**What is God's fix for the mess we have made?** Do you imagine you can blame or hold [God](#) responsible for the destruction our disobedience has brought? God didn't cause the tribulation, but He is *using* it to [gather people](#) to Armageddon. ([Rev 19:19](#) & [16:16](#)) Armageddon is the final war that will bring the end of the tribulation and restore peace forever. Armageddon is not a physical location, but a state of mind. It is simply your decision regarding God's command to listen to Christ. ([Mark 9:7](#)) Obeying is the mark in your forehead for salvation. ([Eze 9:1-7](#)) God has done only good: He created our first parents in the Garden of Eden with wonderful prospects. Wouldn't you like to go back there? Putting us back in the Garden is the desired result of ending the tribulation, which left unchecked, would kill everyone. ([Mat 24:22](#); [Isa 11:1-12](#)); [Job 33:13-30](#)) The tribulation, which we created and God has allowed to continue for a short time, ([2 Pet 3:8 of 5-10](#); [2 Pet 2:5-10](#)) is forcing an awareness among all people. That knowledge is driving everyone to choose who they want to serve. Our [Creator](#) must be weary of sickening religious leaders, as they just keep misapplying scriptures in saying not to worry; only believe in God's goodness and in their sect, they promise, and everything will be fine. They avoid directing you to hear God's command to listen to his son! ([Mat 17:5](#)) What you are hearing right now is very different from anything I heard in any church, or from any group, during all my 73 years of life (with some 60 years associating with people claiming to study the Bible). The tribulation is your wakeup call! ([Deu 30:19-20](#)) We are witnessing the destruction of our old world society, similar to what Noah and Lot saw. ([Mat 24:36-40](#)) You must make the choice to climb in the ark. But how? You should know by now: By

choosing to follow God's only latter day ~~instruction~~ *command* to listen to his son. ([Mat 17:5](#)) Having heard, then, you need to read through the Gospels beginning to end; over and over. That protects you against false prophets. ([Mat 7:15](#); [Acts 20:29-30](#)) Such men are often eloquent speakers, but always assert their own doctrine. They teach you to put faith in their God who is good, and in their religious sect, as they obscure the warnings from Jesus himself (about their own false preaching activity). ([Mat 15:7-9](#)) By reading from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, you make the wise choice to seat yourself at the feet of Christ. ([Luke 10:42 of 38-42](#)) That is exposing yourself to God's spirit which lives within Christ's words. ([John 6:63](#)) As you relive the experiences of Jesus as he taught people how to help themselves, you build faith to do the same. ([Mark 9:14-29](#); [John 14:11-14](#)) Listening to Christ is akin to splashing the blood of the lamb over your door post. ([Eze 12:5-7 & 22-23](#))

Our day's (hateful and destructive) society provides the perfect and eternal touchstone. We stand as an eternal witness of why God can not help and protect everyone. People who caused, or supported those who did cause our tribulation, can not be protected into paradise. If they were, they would just destroy it all over again. That reinfection is what God is preventing. He is protecting the future of us all, by only extending the protection of life to people who recognize his goodness and will protect what He is doing. Such righteously inclined individuals realize the only way to protect what is good, is by following God without reservation. ([Mark 10:17-18](#)) They also understand, listening intently to Jesus Christ is the only way they can learn to know and love God in that way. Then... They all desire to warn other people what is happening!

These scriptures should help you understand why I take comfort in the escalating tribulation. It is necessary for us to live through what we have forced God to tolerate. His patience thus allows us to choose life. ([2 Pet 3:8-10](#); [Rom 9:22-24](#)) Jesus said we should stand erect and lift up our heads when we see these things, because our deliverance is near. ([Luke 21:25-28](#)) Mankind is hence being forced to

recognize God's sovereignty, and then, [to choose](#) who they really love. We must pick whether we are among those being preserved alive by the spirit we receive through Christ's words, or are just another ([religious](#)) person being left to the destruction we have made. ([John 8:24](#)) I believe God can protect me, and all others who have climbed into the ark (by actually listening to Christ), exactly the same as He protected Noah and Lot. ([1 Pet 3:20](#)) If innocent people are killed in the tribulation, like possibly those two infants drown in the TN flood, they may be resurrected when things are perfect and life is a joy. This is a harsh time to be caring for little children. ([Mat 24:19 of 15-22](#)) If you are actually listening to Christ, and have abandoned following religious people, you should understand what we see happening is a good thing! ([Rev 1:3-7](#))

The tribulation is comforting, then, because it is awakening everyone. God has the power and the desire to preserve me alive, and then to restore my youthful vigor and strength. ([Job 33:13-30](#)) (Whether he will protect me, of course, is his decision; but I am convinced He can...) I believe Jesus when he taught what will happen to his followers (to me) will be just "what we have faith" will happen. ([Mat 8:13](#); [Mat 9:29](#); [Mat 15:28](#); [Mat 15:29-31](#)) I also believe Jesus when he said I should hold my head high when I see these things (the tribulation). ([Luke 21:28 of 25-28](#)) To afford protection, I believe God's spirit is living in Christ's words ([John 6:63](#); [John 6:63+](#)) and I believe Jesus when he said we must take in God's spirit. We take in God's spirit by consuming the value of his son's life (by our taking Jesus's words to heart) which Christ said would give us life within ourselves. ([John 6:53-58](#); [John 6:53 & 57](#), [Rev 19:13](#), [John 6:63](#), [Mat 4:4](#), [John 4:34](#)) I do also know I live in a world of (religious) people who assert my understanding is too simplistic and I must join them in their sectarian group worship; as they try to continue practicing their religion (try to continue business as usual) by following the [doctrine](#) they have chosen or been born into. We'll see. We'll all see... The tribulation is the writing on the wall for all humankind. ([Dan 5:3-7 & 22-31](#)) We are being forced to recognize God. ([Php 2:10-11 of 5-11](#)) So, all those who are choosing to hear him are listen to his son; and then, warning other

people. Or, as part of a worldwide unruly and judgmental group, [they remain set](#) in having faith in their [religion](#) or sect.

These few scriptures provide a thumbnail sketch of God's sacred secret. ([Mark 4:11](#); [Rom 16:25-27](#)) The Sacred Secret is the sum total of the knowledge wrapped up in Christ Jesus. That Sacred Secret is God's final and eternal solution to all wickedness. An intimate knowledge of what Christ taught is our modern day ark of salvation. Read [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#). So... Have you personally heard God's command to listen to Jesus? ([Mark 9:7](#)) If so, you should realize that is how you are being born again by God's spirit. ([John 3:3-7](#); [John 6:44](#); [John 12:44-50](#)) In other words: You are taking in God's spirit of life by or through the act of listening to Jesus! ([John 6:63 & 65](#); [John 17:3](#)) That is what is real and true faith, and makes you a son or daughter of God; born again by his spirit. ([John 1:13 of 9-14](#); [Mat 5:9 of 1-16](#))

Never allow your faith to be derailed by the doctrines of men. I often speak of looking forward to living in paradise on earth, but I do know some people say the earth is going to be destroyed (and human survivors are moving to heaven). Many people select and then chant one or a few scriptures to define "their faith." Being "set" on those scriptures, they close their mind and refuse to even listen to any additional information. (It is the same with all "church doctrines.") Look for the big picture of God's teaching, as you remember, such an overview of [Bible understanding](#) is what God sent Jesus to give. ([John 6:63](#); [Mat 4:4](#); [Psa 119:50](#); [Rev 19:13 of 11-13](#)) Remember: ~~It~~ Since the Bible is truly God's word, and inspired, it can never be contradictory. ([2 Tim 3:16-17](#)) If scriptures seem to contradict, it means we do not yet understand. For example: Some individuals believe Peter contradicts my hope of living in paradise on earth, by saying the earth will be destroyed. ([2 Pet 3:6](#)) Peter himself goes on to say, however, it was "destroyed" in Noah's day. ([2 Pet 3:5-10](#)) He also said in [1 Pet 3:20-21](#), Christ's return will be similar to the days of Noah. If Christ's return is like the days of Noah, some people must be preserved alive through the destruction. Jesus did say he

went to heaven to prepare a place for us. Some believe that means we are also going to heaven. The Bible clearly says Jesus is making *the earth* a fit home for us once again. ([Psa 37:29](#); [Isa 11:1-12](#); [Job 33:13-30](#)) He is simply doing that work from heaven. ([Mat 25:31-34](#)) We must do our own work. ([John 6:29](#)) Just remember: If you hear one scripture being used to teach what you know another scripture contradicts, you know that teacher is a false prophet (and/or [ignorant](#)). We can, of course, just as I am doing, use one scripture to more fully explain another; knowing as we work to gain [understanding](#), the Bible will never contradict itself. Every single scripture must fit together to define any teaching as truth. If someone is teaching something you know is contradicted by another scripture, it is a misunderstanding and false prophecy. Jesus came to clarify that. ([John 8:26-30](#)) Just read [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#).

Is all I herein assert true? Do I have true faith in these scriptures, or am I just trying to bargain with God? God knows I don't know! ([1 Cor 4:1-5](#)) The Bible is the only source of knowledge from God that seems real. So then, if the Bible is the word of God, this is the only understanding I can glean. Without my hope, I am terrified of the tribulation; afraid the next disaster may be for me. This understanding makes sense, and so, I hope... Protecting or feeding the innocent is good. If you are not telling them why the tribulation is happening, however, to help them also hear God; does that place you in the ark? Obedience does! ([Mat 17:5](#))

See you, then, in the Bible's explanation of paradise.

([Isa 11:1-12](#); [Psa 37:29](#); [Ecc 1:4](#)) We should each and every one be united in praying those scriptural words...! ([John 5:19-24](#); [Mat 13:37-44](#))

([Ecclesiastes 12:11-14](#) ESV (11) The words of the wise are like (ox)goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings (from the wise); they are given by one Shepherd (our one shepherd is Jesus Christ –

[Mat 23:1-15](#)). (12) My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

(13) ***The end of the matter; (everything having been heard, is) all has been heard. Fear (the true) God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole (obligation) duty of man.***

(14) For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.)

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ESV – 2001 English Standard Version (Crossway Bibles)  
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GNB – 1992 Good News Bible (American Bible Society)  
GW – 1995 God’s Word Bible (GOD’S WORD to the Nations Bible Society)  
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“All who come to God believe he exists and is good.” Heb 11:6

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The tribulation is consuming our world in every imaginable way. It seems the height of foolishness to disregard it and pretend it isn't happening. The churches have been preaching about Christ's return since I can remember, but now they have all gone silent. The leaders of the religious sects have been using Christ's words to take money from people, and now they have to face what the tribulation means for them. Don't get me wrong. If they turn to Christ and God forgives them, it is certainly fine with me. We'll see what "*mark*" we all have, and I do know, that means me as well!

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