**If It Ain't One Thing It's Another**

(Job 1:6-12 KJV)

*6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. 7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? 9Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? 10Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.11But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.12And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.*

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et's be perfectly honest! Nobody ever promise are taught us that life will always be easy. Many of us are witnesses to the fact, that the dilemma of the Christian life is how to cope with recurring instances of trouble and travail in our lives. There is a prevailing notion around that if you love the Lord and serve him faithfully, and have been set apart for the perfecting of the ministry that trouble will abandon our doorsteps. But I must serve you notice!

If there are no clouds on the horizons of your life, let me suggest that you fasten your seat belt because old man trouble is on his way to your house. Saints of God you need to understand that satan has an equal opportunity program, and there are no exceptions. His program of trouble is very much like the supermarket. The trouble he dishes out comes in all sizes and all varieties. There are big troubles and little troubles. And there are some troubles that seemingly won't quit!

There are some middle-sized troubles and some minuet troubles. In fact, trouble is like a merry-go-round—everywhere you turn there's trouble, trouble, trouble. I've compared trouble to roaches—just when you think you've gotten rid of them they come back! It lets up for a little while, and then the next thing you know, trouble rears its bald head just when you think he is finished with you. In other words, "If It Ain't One Thing It's Another!"

Let's have this discussion—have you ever been coasting along contentedly in life with everything going reasonably well, then, without forewarning, things began to collapse? For months, perhaps years, you had been relatively peaceful, stable, and happy. You were experiencing no major trouble or adversity. When the normal difficulties of everyday life arose, they were easily worked out.

Whatever life threw at you was quickly resolved and brought under control. But then, suddenly, something happened. Some tragedy struck so quickly and unexpectedly that things seemed to come crashing down around you. For years you had been working hard to build a good life for yourself and family, but then, without warning, your good life was threatened, interrupted, and perhaps damaged beyond repair. Think for a minute about these scenarios—A good relationship suddenly deteriorates and falls apart. A child starts acting up or gets into serious trouble. You have unexpected bills arise or an investment goes bad. You lose your job, home, or a beloved family member. You are diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

Sadly, trials and tribulations are not new to any of us. Insomuch that the very moment you were born, the doctor took you up by your ankles and slapped you on your sit-down. It was as if you were being told, welcome to this mean world. The doctor hits you, and you haven’t done anything, you’re just a baby. But from that day on, people, situations; and circumstances will keep on hitting you and you haven’t done anything to deserve it.

The Scriptures, on more than one occasion, pose this question: Why do the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer? This riddle of life can only be understood in the full context of the scriptures and the life and legacy of the Lord Jesus Christ. If there is any trouble in your life today, I have some words of comfort for you from this man named Job.

1. **Job's Tranquility**

(Job 1:1-2 KJV)

*1There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. 2And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.*

When we speak of Job's tranquility we're are making reference to his state of mind, his [peace](https://www.bing.com/search?q=define+peace), his [calmness](https://www.bing.com/search?q=define+calmness), his [serenity](https://www.bing.com/search?q=define+serenity). The bible describe him as a perfect and upright man who eschewed evil and one fearing God.