

LISTENING TO GOD WHEN IN A STORM

Romans 12:12

Storm : A matter or situation regarded as unwelcome or harmful .

What storm are you going through ? Did you bring God along ? Did you plan to concur the storm all by yourself ? **if that's your plan the storm will never end .**

1 . Psalms 46:1

A . God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

B . (*A special song for the people of Korah and for the music leader.*) God is our mighty fortress, always ready to help in times of trouble.

2 . Nahum 1:7

A . The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

B . The LORD is good. He protects those who trust him in times of trouble.

3 . James 5:13

A . Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

B . If you are having trouble, you should pray. And if you are feeling good, you should sing praises.

4 . **Romans 12:12 *******

A . Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer .

B . Let your hope make you glad. Be patient in time of trouble and never stop praying.

5 . 2 Corinthians 4:17

A . For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;

B . These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing.

The storms that we go through are only temporal , only if we trust in God .

6 . Proverbs 11:8

A . The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

B . Trouble goes right past the LORD'S people and strikes the wicked.

7 . Matthew 6:33-34

A . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

B . But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today.

8 . John 16:33

A . 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.

B . I have told you this, so that you might have peace in your hearts because of me. While you are in the world, you will have to suffer. But cheer up! I have defeated the world.

9 . 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

A . Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

B . Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! The Father is a merciful God, who always gives us comfort. He comforts us when we are in trouble, so that we can share that same comfort with others in trouble.

10 . Jeremiah 33:3

A . Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

B . Ask me, and I will tell you things that you don't know and can't find out.

11 . Psalms 107:28-31

A . Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

B . You were in serious trouble, but you prayed to the LORD, and he rescued you. He made the storm stop and the sea be quiet. You were happy because of this, and he brought you to the port where you wanted to go. You should praise the LORD for his love and for the wonderful things he does for all of us.

What is your storm that the Lord brought you through .

12 . Matthew 8:23-27

A . And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to *him*, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

B . After Jesus left in a boat with his disciples, a terrible storm suddenly struck the lake, and waves started splashing into their boat. Jesus was sound asleep, so the disciples went over to him and woke him up. They said, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" But Jesus replied, "Why are you so afraid? You surely don't have much faith." Then he got up and ordered the wind and the waves to calm down. And everything was calm. The men in the boat were amazed and said, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him."

13 . Psalms 55:6-8 **David's Prayer**

Hope today that we can understand listening to God when in a storm . If we call out to him he will respond on his time and not ours . Our storm may toss us , our storm may knock us around , may even hold us down , our storm may even work as ear plugs to block the voice from coming in . We must know that our Lord hears and responds to his children . Call out to him and put him to the test and see .

There are five things you must do to become a Christian

Hear the word , **Believe** what you have heard , **Repent** , **Confess** , and be **Baptized**

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation

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