Pastor's Weekly Devotional- August 20, 2015

"Troubling Times"

There are times when you look around and your first response is despair. The odds against you seem overwhelming. The situation in which you find yourself seems unbearable. The forces arranged against you seem overpowering.

You are overmatched and you know it. You are in deep trouble and you sense defeat and darkness closing in from all sides.

But if you are a believer in Christ, you are assured that there is a Name you can call upon in times of anguish and distress. It is "Jehovah-sabaoth" meaning "the Lord of hosts."

When Israel faced a time of darkness, a day of distress, an hour of insecurity, change and constant conflict, they came to know God as "Jehovah-sabaoth." It is at such a time that the name of "the Lord of hosts" is first used. This name of God indicates that God will do battle for you.

David used <u>this name</u> of God when he faced Goliath and WON! Likewise, you do not have to face the enemy alone. You need not fight your battles alone. Your trouble is His trouble! Your battle is His battle!

The Bible says that "the righteous who run into the strong tower of God's Name will find safety" (<u>Proverbs</u> 18:10). Furthermore, all the names of God, all the attributes of God is found in the Name of Jesus. His Name is above every name. So, Jehovah-sabaoth is Jesus Himself! He will turn your troubles into triumph!

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin