

- 3 & not only this, but we also exult in our **tribulations**, knowing that tribulation + (F/HS + pertinent doc.)
- brings about **perseverance**;
- 4 & perseverance, **proven faith**; &
- proven faith, **hope** (in His love)
- 5 & hope (in his love) does not disappoint, (make a shame) because the **love of God for you** has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- challenge after challenge,
- tribulation after tribulation,
- Suffering after suffering,
- sorrow after sorrow,
- problem after problem;
- difficulty after difficulty,
- set backs after set backs;
- adversity after adversity,
- trial after trial,
- heartbreak after heartbreak

- know that unbelievers –atheist make it through all these Tribulations
- They make it through it—but they do not, cannot honor & praise God through Jesus Christ in Holy Spirit in their making it through, they do not give Him Glory
- Making it through these Tribulations is not what it is about!

- Immediately decide where you are going to turn for help, for courage, for peace, for safety, for solutions.
- Is it going to be to God thru Christ thru thur Holy Spirit & through the Holy Scriptures?
- I cannot stress this enough—how important this first decision is in Tribulations
- Are you going to handle them or are you going to the Lord? & leave it there!

- 1st part of his prayer, he determines where he will turn in tribulation:
- He will come to the Lord vss 1-2
- Now in the 2nd part he speaks of his **Confidence** vss 3-8

- do not allow trouble, Tribulations, sufferings, loneliness, heartache, financial crisis, illness etc.
- To **darken your consciousness** of your relationship with the Lord
- This is one of the most **difficult** task or **challenges** when we are in the midst of tribulations, esp. if they linger on.

- The first thing you want to know about Divine Guidance in time of tribulation is that God guides & leads for His sake,
- **To His glory**
- Therefore wherever he leads you, you must know & believe it is for His Glory!
- Secondly: He knows that God answering this prayer is not because of his words but
- only in God's righteousness & for His own glory! & on that basis, he comes to God with his petition.

- **Lead me** Hiphil Imperfect *nach-ah*
- **Guide me** Piel Imperfect *na-hal*
- 1st word: **lead me** Macro-guidance
- & **guide me** Micro-guidance
- Macro—large, over all objectives & goals—the whole system of Divine Guidance
- The interrelations of all the parts of Divine Guidance
- & please know right now that God's objective, God's goal in Divine Guidance is **His Glory, His righteousness**

Lead Me

- 1. Macro-guidance—this is more than just guidance – it is God’s over all goal in leading you---objective in mind—His Righteousness, His Glory demonstrated in history, through you!
To see this look at **Psa. 23:3**
- To lead as troops—the whole army marching to this objective. The body of Christ –same goal!
- 2. Your tribulations, your sufferings, etc. are for the glory of God, not for your glory
- 3. To lead according to His plan! –his over all plan that involves
- In your sufferings there is a whole more than just you, that is going on you are not always even the primary issue.



- 4. The Hebrew word is in the **Hiphil—causative—God's plan is the cause of the direction you are being led.**
- God causes you to be led this way as per His over all plan.
- 5. This word emphasizes the over all Spiritual Warfare that we are all in. it is Severe!
- In a battle—there is an over all objective--& there is an over all **Spiritual objective** in regard to **everything** that happens in your life
- 6. You are led in such a way where God is glorified & you are blessed.

Guide me

- 1. **Micro-guidance: this directly involves you!** This word means to guide with care!
- 2. This word is often related with a **shepherd**—leads his sheep with tender care--& love—he cares about each & everyone of the sheep
- He goes after the one who is astray...
- Shepherd leads with temporary goals that fit in with the Macro-Guidance

- Psa. 23:2 **he leads me beside still waters...**
- Unfortunately you can see that you cannot tell from the English translations which Hebrew word you have in the Hebrew text
- v 2 **micro-guidance**—**He leads me to still waters**—refreshment along the way: this is the Word of God.
- V 3 **macro-guidance** **He guides me in the path of Righteousness** or that leads to **Righteousness.**

- 3. This word means to guide with care: the right speed, & the proper manner
- for the circumstances of the crisis, for where you are in the midst of your Trib.
- The right things to say, & do, what **Spiritual Love** looks like at that point.
- **Wisdom** befitting the circumstances .
- 4. it has the idea of guiding by the hand – to take by the hand & guide one who is helpless, & who needs to be guided - & this is **humility of walking by Faith—*I can't even walk without you holding my hand***

- Conclusion on **lead & guide** for C-A bel.
- 1. **macro-guidance**- Gal. 5:25 since we live by **the Spirit let us keep in step with the Spirit**
- 2. **micro-guidance** Gal. 5:18 **be led by the Spirit**
- 3. If we are **in step** with the Holy Spirit He will lead us to Glory & Righteousness of God
- If we are **led** by HS He will take us by the hand & guide us each step of the way—in the darkest hour, in the brightness of the morning.
- He will pour in His peace & Joy & love of God for us.

- 4. In both **leading & guiding** we are in need of the Holy Spirit & of the Word of God **Psa. 119:9, 11, 50; 105**
- We are just in the second part of this prayer –**Confidence**
- He has **confidence** in God, that God will **lead him** to God's glory, with all those who stay in step with Holy Spirit
- & **guide him** personally each step of the way being led by Holy Spirit.