

# Corrie Ten Boom, on Tribulation and Persecution

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*Christians are to be overcomers in the midst of a dying world, facing tribulation with the strength and power of the Holy Spirit.*

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**Scripture:** John 16:33, Acts 1:8, James 1:12, 1 Peter 4:14, Revelation 21:7

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## Description

This sermon by Corrie ten Boom emphasizes the role of Christians as overcomers and ambassadors for Christ in a world filled with tribulation and persecution. It highlights the importance of being prepared for the coming tribulation by feeding on the Word of God, developing a personal relationship with Jesus, and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Despite the fear and challenges, the message encourages believers to find strength in God's promises and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

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## Transcript

The name of this article is escape tribulation wrong By Cory ten boom the world is deathly ill it is dying The great physician has already signed the death certificate Yet, there is still a great work for Christians to do They are to be streams of living water channels of mercy to those who are still in the world It is possible for them to do this because they are overcomers Christians are ambassadors for Christ They are representatives from heaven to this dying world and because of our presence here things will change My sister Betsy and I were in the Nazi concentration camp at Ravensbruck Because we committed the crime of loving Jews 700 of us from Holland France, Russia Poland and Belgium were herded into a room built for 200 as Far as I knew Betsy and I were the only two representatives of heaven in that room We may have been the Lord's only representatives in that place of hatred yet because of our presence there things changed Jesus said in the world you shall have tribulation But be of good cheer I have overcome the world We too are to be overcomers bringing the light of Jesus into a world filled with darkness and hate sometimes I get frightened as I read the Bible and as I look in this world and see all of the Tribulation and the persecution promised by the Bible coming true now I can tell you though if you too are afraid that I have just read the last pages I can now come to shouting hallelujah hallelujah for I have found where it is written that Jesus said He that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son This is the future and the hope of this world Not that the world will survive but that we shall be

overcomers in the midst of a dying world Betsy and I in the concentration camp prayed that God would heal Betsy who was so weak and sick Yes, the Lord will heal me Betsy said with confidence She died the next day and I could not understand it They laid her thin body on the concrete floor along with all the other corpses of the women who died that day It was hard for me to understand to believe that God had a purpose for all that Yet because of Betsy's death today, I am traveling all over the world telling people about Jesus There are some among us teaching there will be no Tribulation that the Christians will be able to escape all this These are the false teachers that Jesus was warning us to expect in the latter days Most of them have little knowledge of what is already going on across the world.

I Have been in countries where the Saints are already suffering terrible persecution in China The Christians were told don't worry before the tribulation comes you will be translated raptured Then came a terrible persecution Millions of Christians were tortured to death later. I heard a bishop from China say sadly we have failed We should have made the people strong for the persecution rather than telling them Jesus would come first Tell the people how to be strong in times of persecution How to stand when the tribulation comes to stand and not faint I feel I have a divine mandate to go and tell the people of this world that it is Strong in the Lord Jesus Christ We are in training for the tribulation But more than 60% of the body of Christ across the world has already entered into the tribulation There is no way to escape it.

We are next Since I have already gone through prison for Jesus sake and since I met the bishop in China now every time I read a good Bible text I think Hey, I can use that in the time of tribulation Then I write it down and learn it by heart When I was in the concentration camp a camp for only 20% of the women came out alive We tried to cheer each other up by saying nothing could be any worse than today But we would find the next day was even worse During this time a Bible verse that I had committed to memory gave me great hope and joy If ye be reproached for the name of Christ Happy are ye for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you on Their part evil is spoken of but on your part. He is glorified. I Found myself saying hallelujah because I am suffering Jesus is glorified In America the church is saying let the congregation escape tribulation But in China and Africa the tribulation has already arrived This year alone more than two hundred thousand Christians were martyred in Africa Now things like that never get into the newspapers because they cause bad political relations But I know I have been there We need to think about that when we sit down in our nice houses with our nice clothes to eat our steak dinners Many many members of the body of Christ are being tortured to death at this very moment Yet we continue right on as as though we are all going to escape the tribulation Several years ago.

I was in Africa in a nation where a new government had come into power The first night I was there some of the Christians were commanded to come to the police station to register When they arrived they were arrested and that same night they were executed The next day the same thing happened with other Christians the third day It was the same all the Christians in the district were being systematically murdered The fourth day I was to speak in a little church the people came, but they were filled with fear and tension All during the service they were looking at each other their eyes asking Well this one I am sitting beside be the next one killed will I be the next one? the room was hot and stuffy with insects that came through the screenless windows and Swirled around the naked bulbs over the bare wooden benches. I told them a story out of my childhood When I was a little girl, I said I went to my father and said daddy I am afraid that I will never be strong enough to be a martyr for Jesus Christ Tell me said father When you take a train trip to Amsterdam When do I give you the money for the ticket three weeks before? No daddy You give me the money for the ticket just before we get on the train that's right my father said and So it is with God's strength our father in heaven knows when you will need the strength to be a martyr

for Jesus Christ He will supply all you need just in time My African friends were nodding and smiling Suddenly a spirit of joy descended upon that church and the people began singing in the sweet by and by we shall meet on that beautiful shore Later that week half the congregation of that church was executed. I Heard later that the other half was killed some months ago But I must tell you something I was so happy that the Lord used me to encourage these people for unlike many of their leaders I had the Word of God.

I Had been to the Bible and discovered that Jesus said he had not only overcome the world But to all those who remain faithful to the end he would give a crown of life How can we get ready for the persecution? First we need to feed on the Word of God Digest it make it a part of our being This will mean discipline Bible study each day as we not only memorize long passages of Scripture But put the principles to work in our lives Next we need to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ Not just the Jesus of yesterday the Jesus of history But the life-changing Jesus of today who is still alive and sitting at the right hand of God We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. There is no optional command to the Bible. It is absolutely necessary Those earthly Disciples could never have stood up under the persecution of the Jews and the Romans had they not waited for Pentecost Each of us needs our own personal Pentecost the baptism of the Holy Spirit We will never be able to stand in the tribulation without it in the coming persecution We must be ready to help each other and encourage each other But we must not wait until the tribulation comes before starting The fruit of the Spirit should be the dominant force of every Christians life Many are fearful of the coming tribulation.

They want to run. I Too am a little bit afraid when I think that after all my 80 years Including the horrible Nazi concentration camp that I might have to go through the tribulation also But then I read the Bible and I am glad When I am weak, then I am then I shall be strong the Bible says Betsy and I were prisoners for the Lord. We were so weak, but we got power because the Holy Spirit was on us That mighty inner strengthening of the Holy Spirit helped us through no You will not be strong in yourself when the tribulation comes rather You will be strong in the power of him who will not forsake you For 76 years.

I have known the Lord Jesus and not once has he ever left me or let me down Though he slay me Yet will I trust him for I know that to all who overcome He shall give the crown of life Hallelujah

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