

GOD TRIETH OUR HEARTS

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:4: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, Who trieth our hearts.

Genesis 22:1: And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

Exodus 16:4: Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from Heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My Law, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:2: And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His Commandments, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:5: Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.



Deuteronomy 8:16: Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that He might humble thee, and that He might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

Joshua 6:3: And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.

Judges 2:22: That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.

Judges 3:1: Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;



Judges 3:4: *And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the Commandments of the LORD, which He commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.*

Judges 3:7: *And the Children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves.*

Judges 7:4: *And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.*

EXAMPLES:

A. 1 Kings 17:13: *And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.*



B. 2 Kings 4:3: *Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.*

C. 1 Chronicles 29:17: *I know also, my God, that Thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy Thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto Thee.*

2 Chronicles 32:31: *Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.*

Job 7:18: *And that Thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment?*

Job 23:10: *But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.*



Psalms 7:9: Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

Psalms 11:4-5:

⁴ The LORD is in His Holy Temple, the LORD's Throne is in Heaven: His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men.

⁵ The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth.

Psalms 17:3: Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

Psalms 26:2-5:

² Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

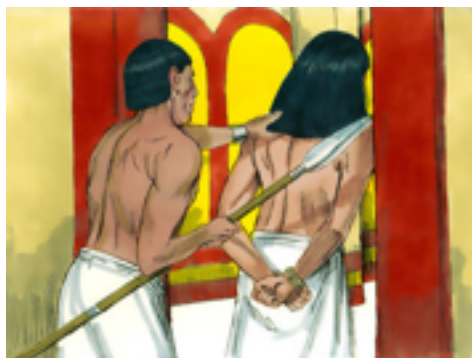
³ For Thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in Thy truth.

⁴ I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.

⁵ I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

Psalms 66:10: For Thou, O God, hast proved us: Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Psalms 81:7: Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah.



Psalms 105:17-19:

¹⁷ He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:

¹⁸ Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

¹⁹ Until the time that His Word came: the Word of the LORD tried him.

Psalms 139:23: Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Proverbs 3:11-12:

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of His correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 17:3: The firing pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

Isaiah 28:16: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a tried Stone, a precious Corner Stone, a sure Foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Isaiah 43:2: When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.



Isaiah 48:10: Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

Jeremiah 6:27: I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among My people, that thou mayest know and try their way.

Jeremiah 9:7: Therefore thus saith the LORD of Hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of My people?

Jeremiah 11:20: But, O LORD of Hosts, Who judgest righteously, Who triest the reins and the heart, let me see Thy vengeance on them: for unto Thee have I revealed my cause.

Jeremiah 12:3: But Thou, O LORD, knowest me: Thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward Thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter.

Jeremiah 17:10: I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Jeremiah 20:12: *But, O LORD of Hosts, Who triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, let me see Thy vengeance on them: for unto Thee have I opened my cause.*

Daniel 12:10: *Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*

Daniel 11:35: *And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.*



Zechariah 13:9: *And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on My Name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is My people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.*

Malachi 3:3: *And He shall sit as a Refiner and Purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in Righteousness.*

EXAMPLES OF TESTING AND PROVING

1. **Matthew 9:28:** *And when He was come into the house, the blind men came to Him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him, Yea, Lord.*



2. **Mark 7:27:** *But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.*

3. **Luke 6:48:** *He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.*

4. **Luke 8:13:** *They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the Word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.*



5. **Luke 13:7:** *Then said He unto the Dresser of His Vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?*

6. **John 6:5-6:**

⁵ *When Jesus then lifted up His eyes, and saw a great company come unto Him, He saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat ?*

⁶ *And this He said to prove him: for He Himself knew what He would do.*

7. **John 11:6:** *When He had heard therefore that he was sick, He abode two days still in the same place where He was.*
8. **2 Corinthians 12:9:** *And He said unto me, My Grace is sufficient for thee: for My Strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the Power of Christ may rest upon me.*

9. **Hebrews 11:8, 17:**

⁸ *By Faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went*

¹⁷ *By Faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the Promises offered up his only begotten son [Isaac],*



10. **Hebrews 11:36:** *And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:*

1 Thessalonians 2:4: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, Which trieth our hearts.

James 1:3: Knowing this, that the trying of your Faith worketh patience.

James 1:12: Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the Crown of Life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.



1 Peter 1:7: That the trial of your Faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto Praise and Honour and Glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Revelation 2:10: Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a Crown of Life.

Revelation 3:10: Because thou hast kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.



The Hour of Temptation to which this last verse refers is what is known as the Great Tribulation. The question many have asked is:

CAN OR WILL ANYONE BE SAVED DURING THE TRIBULATION?

I have entered into this very controversial subject with much prayer and a careful study of the Holy Scriptures. My conscience as a minister of our Lord Jesus Christ, through His saving Gospel, will not allow me to do otherwise. I do not even desire to add anything to the Word of God, neither to take away anything therefrom. The Lord tells us in:

Proverbs 30:5-6: ⁵ Every Word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.

⁶ Add thou not unto His Words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Jeremiah 26:2: Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:

Revelation 22:18-19:



¹⁸ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the Prophecy of this Book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book:

¹⁹ And if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this Prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this Book.

I know that we are living in perilous times and that there are many deceivers who are gone out into the world and shall deceive many, Jesus said:

Matthew 24:5: For many shall come in My Name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24:11: And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

The Apostle Paul also prophecies that in the last days some would depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

1 Timothy 4:1: Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Thessalonians 2:3: Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;



Therefore, I purpose to tread more cautiously into what might be labeled: “Forbidden Territory”

I know, also, that modern man cannot be pleased with the Word of God, just as it is. Satan is urging him to dilute it and tamper with it, because his goal is to see as many souls lost as possible.

But God desires that all will be saved! He has given us His Word — the Holy Bible — as our roadmap which clearly lays out the Plan of Salvation. And He has given His Precious One and Only Son — Jesus Christ — Who paid for our sins on the Cross so we can be reconciled to God.

I encourage you, therefore, to accept His Gift of Salvation, and to read and study His Word so that you will not be among those who depart from the faith because of satan’s cunning lies and deception.



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