

## **Temptation, Testing**

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. PSALMS 18.2

As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the Lord is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him. For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God. PSALMS 18.30,31

For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock. PSALMS 27.5

Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken. PSALMS 55.22

For You have delivered my soul from death, Indeed my feet from stumbling, So that I may walk before God In the light of the living. PSALMS 56.13

For You have been a refuge for me, A tower of strength against the enemy. PSALMS 61.3

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. PSALMS 139.23,24

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. PROVERBS 3.5,6

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is safe. PROVERBS 18.10

I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds. JEREMIAH 17.10

The Lord's grace functions never cease [logistical grace], for His compassions never fail [He forgives us every time we name our sins per 1 John 1.9]. They are new every morning [God gives us a day at a time to advance to maturity]; great is your faithfulness [integrity]. LAMENTATIONS 3.22,23

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and if He wants to, He will deliver us out of your hands, O king. But even if He does not, be it known, O king, that we are not going to bow down and worship your gods or the golden image that you have constructed. DANIEL 3.17,18

"My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime." Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. DANIEL 6.22,23

The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, And He knows those who take refuge in Him. NAHUM 1.7

... "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the doctrine, and the doctrine shall make you free." JOHN 8.31b,32

The [Holy] Spirit Himself bears witness with our [human] spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. ROMANS 8.16–17

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

1 CORINTHIANS 10.13

Therefore we are not discouraged, for though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 CORINTHIANS 4.16–18

. . . My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness. 2 CORINTHIANS 12.9b

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. GALATIANS 5.16,17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. EPHESIANS 6.10–13

Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. EPHESIANS 6.14–17

... I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. PHILIPPIANS 4.11b-13

For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted. HEBREWS 2.18

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. HEBREWS 4.15

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. HEBREWS 4.16

Therefore, since we also have such a great battalion of witnesses [Old Testament Jeshurun-class believers in Christ (Adonai)] supporting us, having laid aside every impediment [distraction to concentration], and the easily ensnaring sin [your current area of weakness, handled by the continual function of naming your sins per 1 John 1.9], let us advance on the run with endurance [opposite of distraction] in the conflict to the present objective [pleroma = maximum glorification of God]. Concentrating on Jesus, the prince and perfecter of doctrine Who because of His exhibited joy [absolute happiness], He endured the cross having disregarded the shame and He sat down on the right hand of the Father. HEBREWS 12.1,2

For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; for whom the Lord loves he disciplines, and he skins alive with a whip every son whom He receives." HEBREWS 12.3–6

See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled. HEBREWS 12.15

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. JAMES 1.2,3

Happy the individual believer who perseveres under testing; for having been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. JAMES 1.12–14

We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job [hero of the Old Testament book of Job] and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful. JAMES 5.11

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 PETER 1.6,7

. . . But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For this purpose you have been called, because Christ also suffered as a substitute for you, leaving you a copybook that you may follow in His steps.

1 PETER 2.20b,21

But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence. 1 PETER 3.14,15

Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. 1 PETER 5.7

After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 1 PETER 5.10

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. 1 JOHN 4.4

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. JUDE 24,25

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