

TEMPTED AND TESTED (PART II)

1. Text: James 1:2-4
2. One Greek word (peirazo) can be translated tempted (as to sin) or tested. Our last lesson dealt with temptation. Now the word as used of tests or trials.
3. Let's make two important points:

I. Deity Can Be Tested.

1. In John 8:6 Scribes and Pharisees used the adulteress to test Jesus.

2. Many times in the gospels we have questions given to our Lord to test Him (Matthew 19:3; 22:18,35; Mark 8:11; 10:2; 12:15; Luke 11:16)
By the way, He passed every test (Matthew 22:46 has the testers giving up).

3. Luke 22:28 Christ said of His Apostles, "You are those who have continued with Me in My trials."

4. Acts 5:9 The Holy Spirit was tested by Ananias and Sapphira.

5. Acts 15:10 Why were some testing God by wanting to force certain old laws on to Gentile converts.

6. Hebrews 3:9 The ancient Israelites tested God during the 40 years of wilderness wandering.

7. Romans 2:4 explains how man could test God, "Do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and long suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads to repentance."

II. Mankind Can Be Tested.

1. Example: Philip in John 6:6

2. Example: Paul in Acts 20:19 "Serving the Lord with many tears and tests."

3. New converts: The second soil in Luke 8:13.

4. Example: Abraham in Hebrews 11:17 (See Genesis 22:1 again)

5. Specific case: False apostles in Revelation 2:2 (See I John 4:1 also.)

6. Specific case: Ourselves. II Corinthians 13:5 Test yourselves as to whether you are in the faith.

7. James 1:2-3 Count it joy in various tests. Why? Testing of your faith produces endurance or perseverance which makes us mature and complete.

8. I Peter 1:6-7 Rejoice in your various tests (trials) because they will show the genuineness of your faith.

9. I Peter 4:12-13 Don't think the fiery tests of your faith strange but rejoice in that you partake of Christ's sufferings.

Conclusion: Whether tempted or tested, our faith can make us victorious (I John 5:4)

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