

TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS

Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you! May the LORD make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! May the Lord turn his face upon you and give you peace!"

Why is there evidence?

Because God wants us to show our love for Him, to trust Him to depend completely on Him; So He uses trials to work on our faith and strengthen it. In these trials, both as we go through them and as we overcome them, God works so that other souls can be saved.

Deut 13:3 ... the LORD your God tests you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Ex 20:20 ... "Do not be afraid, God has come to test you, so that you may fear God, so that you may not sin."

Deut 8:2 Remember all the way which the LORD thy God hath caused thee to go these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee and to test thee, to know what was in thy heart, and whether thou wouldst keep his commandments or not.

Joh 14:15 (Jesus said) If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

2 Tim 2:13 ... if we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, because he cannot deny himself.

1 Peter 1:6-9 "Therefore you rejoice, even though now, for a short time, it is necessary for you to be afflicted with divers trials, so that your faith, which is being tested, which is far more precious than gold that perishes, and yet is tested by fire, may be a cause for praise, glory, and honor at the time of the manifestation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him, you love him; believing in him, although you do not see him now, you

exult with ineffable and glorious joy, attaining the end of faith: the salvation of souls.

We can see those who have gone before us as having overcome trials by their faith (Heb 11:4-39) or by the example of Job.

Ps 66:10 "Because you have tried us, O God, you have put us through the crucible like silver.

Ps 139:23-24 "Examine me, O God, and know my heart. Test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any unrighteous way in me, and guide me in the eternal way.

Heb 12:1-2 "We too, therefore, because we are surrounded by so great a host of witnesses, let us put aside every weight and the sin that so easily envelops us, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us, fixing our gaze on Jesus, the One who creates faith and makes it perfect.

1 Thess 2:4 ... as we have been approved by God who has esteemed us such as to be able to entrust the gospel to us, we speak in such a way as to please not men, but God who tests our hearts.

Jom 1:2-4 "My brethren, consider it a great joy when you come under various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And may constancy fully accomplish its work in you, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

2 Thess 1:3-5 "We must always thank God for you, brethren, as is right, because your faith grows excellently, and the love of each one of you all for one another abounds more and more; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God, because of your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. This is a proof of God's righteous judgment, that you may be recognized as worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer.

Jom 1:12 "Blessed is the man who endures trial; for when he has passed through it, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised

to those who love him."

2 Peter 2:9 "This means that the Lord knows how to deliver the godly from trial, and to reserve the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment."

Rev 3:10 "Because you have kept my exhortation to constancy, I will also keep you from the hour of temptation which is coming upon the whole world, to test the inhabitants of the earth.

Why are there temptations?

Because we have an enemy called the adversary or satan who hates us as he hates God and all his creatures and the purpose of his temptations is always to make us sin, to become like him proud and proud and to suffer his own condemnation in the lake of fire. From the beginning, from Adam and Eve onwards, He tempted all those who preceded us up to Jesus, and Jesus was the only one to overcome all temptations to fulfill His mission and to help all those who welcome Him into their hearts.

Ps 74:10 "How long, O God, will the adversary revile us? Will the enemy despise your name forever?

Heb 2:18 "For because He (Jesus) Himself suffered temptation, He can come to the aid of those who are tempted."

Heb 4:14-16 "Therefore, having a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us stand firm in the faith that we profess. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with us in our weaknesses, for he was tempted as we are in all things, without sinning. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with full confidence, that we may obtain mercy and find grace and be helped in due time.

Jesus also makes it clear to those who are saved and are part of his family, that even if the spirit is strong, the flesh, that is, human nature, still needs a process of purification and for this the guidance of the Holy Spirit is

necessary.

Joh 1:14-15 ... everyone is tempted by his own lust that attracts and seduces him. Then concupiscence, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is committed, produces death.

Mt 26:41 "Watch and pray, that you may not fall into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

God shows his love not only in the trials he makes us overcome by his Spirit, but also in temptations by giving us the way out to overcome it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has taken you except that it has not been human; but God is faithful, and will not allow you to be tempted beyond your strength; but with the temptation he will also give you a way out of it, that you may be able to endure it."

Is 59:19 "So the name of the Lord will be feared from the west, and his glory from the east; when the adversary comes like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will put him to flight.

The temptations of the devil last our entire lives

Lk 4:13 "Then the devil, when he had finished all temptation, departed from him (Jesus) until a certain time.

1 Peter 5:8-9 "Be sober, watch; Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion looking for someone he can devour. Resist him by standing firm in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings afflict your brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Lk 22:31-32 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked to sift you as one sifts wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when you are converted, strengthen your brethren."

1 Thess 3:2-3:5 ... We sent Timothy, our brother and servant of God to preach the gospel of Christ, to confirm and comfort you in your faith, that no one might be shaken in the midst of these tribulations; for you

yourselves know that this is what we are destined for. Therefore I too, unable to resist any longer, sent to inquire of your faith, fearing that the tempter had tempted you, and our labor had been in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." Amen.