

TESTED or TEMPTED Pt.2



Photo credit: MSCHF I wanted to revisit this little satan worshipper, Lil Nas X. I could not see this very well without my glasses but on the heel of the shoe is a 1/666. There is supposed to be a drop of blood in this shoe and an upside down cross. The story is that they sold out in less than a minute. As a Christian, you should never own anything like this. It glorifies satan just as Lil Nas X does.

Last week I ended off just after we learned that Job said that after he was tried he would come forth as gold. And we read in Isaiah that God puts us into His fire of affliction to test us. Let's continue right there.

1 Peter 1:7, 4:12-13 - 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: **Chapter 4** Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

If you belong to Christ you will be tested.

James 1:2 – My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

The translations are split as to the use of the word temptations, tests and trials here. Seems that these words are being used interchangeably. Every time you do not give in to temptation, you get stronger spiritually.

The positive significance of temptation is that of testing with the intent of creating spiritual good. God tests every single one of His children, even sometimes severely and painfully, only for purposes of reproof and improvement.

Deut.13:1-3 - If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams (that foretell the future), and giveth thee a sign or a wonder (miracle), And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods (worship other gods – fallen angels), which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you (is testing you), to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

God tests us to see what is in our hearts (**Deut.8:2**). He will test your faith and loyalty to Him. Every bit of testing God does, strengthens us. God also tests us for purposes of approving us. (**Judges 2:20-23, 1 Cor.11:32, Heb.12:4-11**) The divine intention in testing is plainly stated in Deuteronomy 8:16.

Deuteronomy 8:16 – Who (God) fed you in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not (did not know what it was), that He might humble thee, and that He might prove (test), to do thee good at thy latter end;

God will test you to see if you will keep His Word and live a righteous life. He chastises His children. And that is because He wants to bless us but He will not have a house full of spoiled brats.

also ... bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

The positive significance of temptation is that of testing with the intent of creating spiritual good: it is *proving* with a view to *approving* or *improving* and occasionally *reproving*. Thus God, who as Holy Love can never be the source of evil in any form (James 1:13), tested Abraham (Gen. 22:1). Thus God tested Job, who exclaimed, "But he knoweth the way that I take; when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10). Thus God still tests His people (I Pet. 1:7; 4:12-13; James 1:2,12). But He tests, even sometimes severely and painfully, only for purposes of re-proving and improving (Deut. 8:2-3; 13:3; Judg. 2:20-23; I Cor. 11:32; Heb. 12:4-11) or for purposes of approving. The divine intention in testing is plainly stated in Deuteronomy 8:16.

In a moral universe where conflict rages between the Creator and His adversary, an order characterized by freedom, sin, and faith, even redeemed man must expect to live in spiritual tension (Acts 14:22; Heb. 10:32-34). After all, Jesus Christ did, and the servant is not above his Lord. But by the illumination of Scripture and the enablement of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1-13), the servant too can experience blessing and victory after — and in the very throes of — struggle.

This screen shot is from my Bible Pictionary. Look at about the 6th line down. Thus God, Who as Holy Love can never be the source of evil in any form, tested Abraham. That's what it was, a test, God did not tempt Abraham as our Bibles now read. That is a Mandela Effect. We know God is not evil, He cannot be tempted to do evil and He does not tempt us. He tested Abraham when He told him to go and sacrifice Isaac, He did not tempt him. God never had any intention of letting Abraham go through with that. He wanted to see if Abraham would just obey God. Abraham knew in his heart that even if God took the life of Isaac that somehow God would restore him to life. **(Heb.11:19)** Through Abraham's faith and commitment to God, all the nations were blessed and that was through Jesus. **(Acts 3:25-26)**

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things, that God did <i>t</i> Abraham.....	Gen 22:1
wherefore do ye <i>t</i> the LORD	Ex 17:2
Ye shall not <i>t</i> the LORD your God,.....	Deut 6:16
ask, neither will I <i>t</i> the LORD	Is 7:12
yea, they that <i>t</i> God are even	Mal 3:15
Thou shalt not <i>t</i> the Lord thy God.....	Mt 4:7
Why <i>t</i> ye me, ye hypocrites.....	Mt 22:18
said unto them, Why <i>t</i> ye me.....	Mk 12:15
Thou shalt not <i>t</i> the Lord thy God.....	Lk 4:12
and said unto them, Why <i>t</i> ye me.....	Lk 20:23
to <i>t</i> the Spirit of the Lord	Acts 5:9
Now therefore why <i>t</i> ye God	Acts 15:10
that Satan <i>t</i> you not for your	1Cor 7:5
Neither let us <i>t</i> Christ, as some.....	1Cor 10:9

This is from Strong's Concordance under TEMPT. Notice the very first line says that God tempted Abraham. I want you to realize our Bibles have been changed and many of our reference and study materials have now been changed as well. Sometimes our study aids have also been changed through The Mandela Effect and some of them were changed on purpose by men who loved satan and not God. Sometimes though, as with my Bible Pictionary, we can still find traces of what used to be there, such as that God tested Abraham and not tempted him.

Real quick I want to show you another Mandela Effect that has to do with tempting and testing.

Deuteronomy 4:34 - Or hath God assayed (undertaken) to go *and* take Him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm (powerful arm), and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

This now reads that God used temptations to deliver the children out of Egypt. That was never there, it should say tests or trials.

Each time we do not give in to a temptation, the kind of temptation that leads us to sin against God, we win victories spiritually.

Let's look at verse 13 of The Lord's Prayer.

Matt.6:13 - And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

We already learned from the Book of James that God does not tempt us, so why would we pray and ask Him not to lead us into temptation? Some translations say deliver us from the evil one. There has been tampering here between the translations. The sense of what is conveyed here is in asking God not to let us yield to temptation, not to let us be tempted.

It is worth mentioning that many of the newer translations do not even mention for Thine is The Kingdom, and The Power, and The Glory, forever. They are attacking Jesus and His divinity in the new translations and here, they are not giving God His honor and glory. I do not recommend the new translations as your daily reading Bible at all. All Bibles have been tampered with but I believe satan and his crew have come against the KJV the hardest. The newer translations were corrupted worse and more intentionally from the start.



When satan was tempting Jesus (**Matt.4:5-7**), he wanted Jesus to jump off the pinnacle of the Temple. Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 6:16 when He said to satan, It is written again, you shall not tempt the Lord thy God.

In this instance, the word tempt is once again our second definition. 2. have an urge or inclination to do something.

If Jesus had listened to satan, then He would be trying to force God's hand to act in saving Him. Coercing God to move by jumping. We are not allowed to tempt God into action like that. We don't manipulate God.

Acts 5:9 – Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.

Ananias and Sapphira had conspired to keep back a portion of the money they got when they sold their land. **(Acts 5:1-16)** However, they were going to let everyone think they had made a great sacrifice and had given the whole amount. This was tempting or testing The Holy Spirit because they were lying right to God's apostles. When you lie or come against God's true ministers, you are lying directly to God. Sin will be punished and there at the very start of the New Covenant, The Holy Spirit was not going to stand idly by and let the New Covenant Church get started out this way. So The Holy Spirit struck them both down dead to set an example and to confirm God's apostles.

Acts 15:10 – Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

In this instance, again it is our 2nd definition. Meaning, that they would be trying to push God's hand to place those Old Testament laws and ordinances on the newly formed Gentile churches.

You do not tempt God by pushing Him to see if He will keep His Word concerning you. For example where the Bible says if we drink anything poisonous it will not harm us. You don't go out and drink strychnine or ethylene glycol just to see if God will protect you. That's pushing God or as it is written, that would be tempting God to move on purpose. The outcome might not go so well.



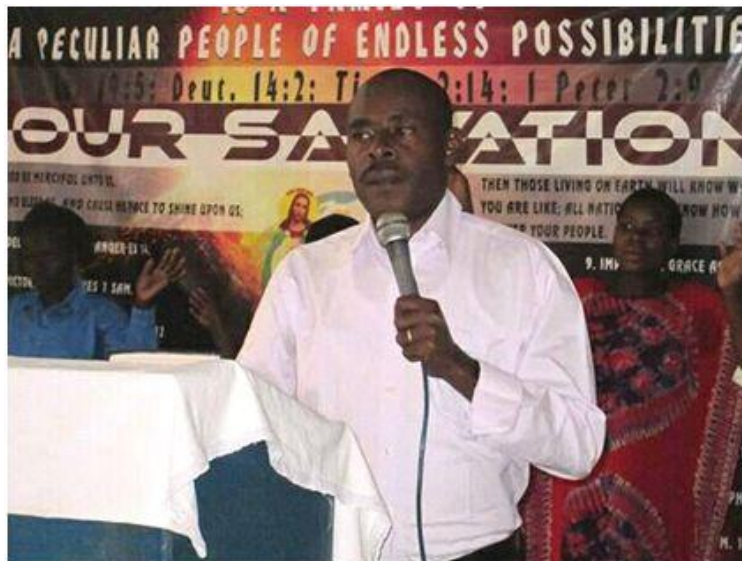
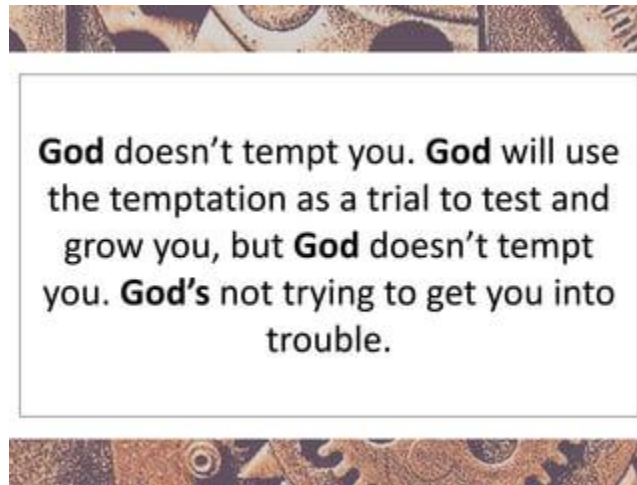
Think about the crazy people in churches that try to handle snakes because they are misinterpreting Mark 16:18. They are testing God and truthfully probably not saved in the first place if they can't even interpret that passage correctly. That passage says those who follow Jesus will take up serpents. It is speaking of handling demons – satan and the fallen angels because of our authority and power in Jesus' name. It doesn't mean we just go around picking up snakes to see if we get bit and survive.

The only time God ever says it's ok to test Him is in Malachi.

Malachi 3:8-10 – Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, *even* this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove (test) Me now herewith, saith the LORD of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

You are only hurting yourself if you claim to be a child of God and yet fight against God's Word in not wanting to pay tithes. It is how God takes care of His church and His ministers and blesses your life for it. When I was a baby Christian I read that and we got busy putting God to the test and He went to work on our behalf.

Listen to the messages I have done on tithing and you will hear our testimony about that.



This is Pastor Erustus, he heads up our outreach ministry in Africa. He had the following to share on this subject. God tests us to see how much we love Him , have faith in Him, committed to Him and uses tests for our own good in teaching us to make the right choices in life as we serve Him.

One must remain Faithful in tests because tests are the only way to promotion in God's Kingdom because He knows through the Holy Spirit He can trust us to do what He has instructed us to do.

Temptations bring out the evil in us which we must learn to overcome always because God works in us and He promises to bring us victory when we are tempted if we are willing and obedient.

Tests come from God and are designed to help one depend on God, as well as bring one closer to Him.

Me: Tests and tempting are not always bound up together. Sometimes a test is just a test and tempting is just a temptation. Think about Abraham, that was only a test when God asked him to sacrifice Isaac, there was no temptation involved. God never tempts us to sin. When you are bound up in alcoholism or pornography, for example, that is not from God. Satan tempts us to sin all the time and there are not tests connected to every temptation. However, when you don't give in to the temptation, you will get stronger spiritually.

CLOSING

This message comes on the heels of the two previous sermons, "Offended in Jesus" and "Wait on The Lord." All 3 of these sermons go hand in hand. If you get offended in Jesus because He doesn't do what you want, when you want or how you want, you will not wait on The Lord which is to endure and keep the faith and you will flunk your test by falling away.

The root of the word testimony is test. You will not have a test-i-mony without a test. Just remember that when you are being tested, God is building your testimony.

The key take away in this message is that God never tempts us, all tempting is done by Satan, the tempter. Jesus is The One Who strengthens us to turn away from temptation. He makes the way of escape for us.

When Jesus was with Peter, James and John in The Garden of Gethsemane and they kept falling asleep, Jesus spoke this next verse of Scripture to Peter:

Mark 14:38 - Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.

Eph.6:11 – Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

We are soldiers in Christ's army (**2 Timothy 2:3-4**). And where God is, the devil fights. So if you truly have The Holy Spirit in you, then you will be fought against. We have armor we must put on and speak the Word of God against satan and temptation just like Jesus did. That's how you are going to win your battles against temptation.

Give yourself pep talks just like King David did (**1 Sam.30:6-8**). Tell yourself: I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me! (**Phi.4:13**). When you speak God's Word and live God's Word that puts the devil on the run!

PRAYER