

## Temptations and Trials, Who Are They From and Why?

God's people are always talking about being tempted and tried. It seems like everything they go through God has a reason for it, whether sickness, poverty, death, the list goes on. They say, well I'm going through this for a reason, God has a plan and he won't give me more than I can handle, but I feel it's more than I can I just don't know what to do but I'm sure he will I just wish he would hurry up. Does this sound familiar? I know I have heard it and was there at one time.

**Jas 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.

**1Co 10:13** There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Then we look at this scripture and say "I knew there was a scripture for what I was going through, I knew I had heard this preached". You see this is the problem, what does this scripture really say.

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Temptation: From **G3985**; a putting to *proof* (by experiment [of good], *experience* [of evil], solicitation, discipline or provocation); by implication *adversity*: - temptation, X try.

Taken: A prolonged form of a primary verb, which is used only as an alternate in certain tenses; to *take* (in very many applications, literally and figuratively [probably objective or active, to *get hold of*; whereas **G1209** is rather subjective or passive, to *have offered* to one; while **G138** is more violent, to *seize* or *remove*): - accept, + be amazed, assay, attain, bring, X when I call, catch, come on (X unto), + forget, have, hold, obtain, receive (X after), take (away, up).

So we know that temptation is evil, not good, trying to get us to do something wrong and then gets a hold on us to try to make us sin.

Now your telling me that's God, my Father! Really, that would be like entrapment, I'm going to set a trap to make you sin and then if you can endure it for a time I'll show you a way out, but if you don't make it then I will chastise you for sinning and you have to start all over again. WHAT? Come on, Really!

Let's keep reading,

**Jas 1:13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

**Jas 1:14** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

**Jas 1:15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**Jas 1:16** Do not err, my beloved brethren.

**Jas 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

**Jas 1:18** Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Now, you see it's not God, but the devil, he tries to use ourselves, our down falls, our failures, etc. against us to do it again. That is what he is talking about in 1 Cor. 10:13

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Now, let's look at the scripture before it.

**1Co 10:12** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Stand: A prolonged form of a primary word [ἀΐΩ](#) stao (of the same meaning, and used for it in certain tenses); to *stand* (transitively or intransitively), used in various applications (literally or figuratively): - abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up), stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up). Compare [G5087](#).

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**Eph 6:13** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Now see when you have done all to stand, you have that faith, you believe because you know that God is going to bring you through it. The enemy is coming against you, he's bringing up those things to tempt you that you have done before, those things you know to stay away from, those things you have ministered about, those things you have witnessed to people about, now the enemy is coming against you to see if you really mean what you say, what you preach, what you witness to people about. Now, can you stand?

**Eph 6:14** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

**Eph 6:15** And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

**Eph 6:16** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

**Eph 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

We have to keep the Armor of God always on, always in tact and always shined and ready to go.

While we are going through these temptations and trials God gives us peace, not only does he give us a way out but he gives us peace while we go through it, the problem is we have to know it and receive it.

**Joh 16:33** These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

See Jesus overcame the temptations and the trials first, he showed us how to do it and that it can be done. We are to be overcomers not overcome.

**Rom 12:21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

We must stay in the word but we must also stay focused on God, we can't take our eyes off of him. We are created in his image and his likeness and we are blessed, Gen. 1:26, 27, 28.

**1Jn 4:4** Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.