

WHEN TEMPTATION COMES

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When temptations come, God provides a way of escape; and ultimately a reward to those that endure.

The patriarchs of old suffered many things; and they were **all** under the cloud and **all** passed through the sea; **all** were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and the sea; **all** did eat the same spiritual meat: and **all** did drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. **1 Cor.10:1-5.**

It goes on to say: Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: **And** they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest ye fall. **1 Cor.10:11-12.**

Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trail 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 ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of; but on your part He is glorified. **1 Pet. 4:12-14.**

There's a lot going on here in these three verses. **First**, don't think it strange, this is common. **Rejoice**. We are to rejoice because this is a confirmation to us that we are actually partaking in the suffering of Christ; **so that**, when He appears in all His glory we will not be ashamed. We will not be among those crying out for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them. **But rather** we will be those with exceeding joy saying: This is our God we have waited for Him. **If ye** be reproached for Christ; happy are ye; for the spirit of glory **and** of God resteth upon you; and you are glorifying God.

Praise His Holy Name, He does not leave us to suffer these things alone! But with every temptation makes a way of escape.

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. **1 Cor.10:13.**

Throughout scripture, God has made it known that He is hated by the adversary and those that would be of Him (God) will be hated also. Jesus said: If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. **John 15:18.**

THE WAY OF ESCAPE:

Commit thy way unto the **LORD**; trust also in **Him**, and **He** shall bring it to pass. **PS.37:5.**

Cast thy burden upon **the LORD**, and **He** shall sustain thee: **He** shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. **Ps. 55:22.**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. **Matt.6:33.**

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in **me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in **me**, and **I** in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. **John 15:3-5.**

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. **John15:8.**

This I say then, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **Gal.5:16.**

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God; **that He** may exalt you in due time: casting all your care on Him; for **He** careth for you. **1 Pet.5:6-7.**

Submit yourselves therefore to **God**. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **James 4:7.**

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: **for He** hath said: I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. **Heb.13:5.**

In view of what these scriptures have proclaimed: It is clear: **CHRIST IS OUR WAY OF ESCAPE.**

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise think on these things.

And those things, which ye have learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, **do:** and the **God of peace** shall be with you. **Phil.4:8-9.**

Thinking on these things; is looking into the eyes and heart of the Savior. Oh how precious and lovely He is.

I exhort you, keep your focus on Christ! For He alone is our way of escape. Endure unto the end; and in doing so, He will be our ultimate reward. When we are received of our Father face to face and hear the words: well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord. **Amen.**

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