

BIBLE STUDY LESSON #5

TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS

The Christian life is not always a bed of roses. Like everyone else, Christians face difficulties and hardships. However, the Christian has God with him, giving him the strength to endure it and the understanding to know what is taking place.

Trials are tests that God allows to happen to us to show whether we are really loving and trusting **Him**, or if we are insincere.

1. How important is the trial of our faith?

I Peter 1:6-7 _____

2. Jesus gave an illustration in Matthew 7:24-27. Who is like a wise man who built on a rock?

(Verse 24) _____

What happened when the trials came his way?

(Verse 25) _____

Who is like a foolish man who built on the sand?

(Verse 26) _____

What happened when the trials came his way?

(Verse 27) _____

3. Read James 1:2-4. What good do these tests produce?

Often, when our faith is being tested, we also face the temptation to sin. We may find ourselves feeling bad, having negative thoughts, or experiencing difficult circumstances. We will strive to believe what God has said about His love and faithfulness, but we may still have a thought or impulse to lose faith and do something wrong. This is a temptation that can arise at any time, even when we aren't in a trial.

4. Who is our enemy?

I Peter 5:8 _____

5. What are three areas in which we are tempted?

I John 2:16 _____

6. Look at 1 Corinthians 10:13. Is your temptation unique?

Is it more than you can take? _____

Are you trapped in it without help? _____

7. Who gives us the strength to meet temptations?

Philippians 4:13 _____

8. Why is He able to make us victorious?

I John 4:4 _____

The devil did not just appear after you became a Christian. He has been around all this time, but you may not have been aware of his activity.

9. According to Ephesians 2:1 and 2, who was influencing your life before you were a child of God? _____

If you asked a cloud about the wind, it would say, "What wind? I just move." He goes wherever the wind blows. But if you asked a tree about the wind, it would know about it because it fights against it every day. This is a picture of our past and present relationship with the devil and temptation.

10. What are two things we should do in the face of temptation?

James 4:7 _____

It is not a sin to be tempted. It is only a sin when we give in to temptation. Even Jesus Christ Himself experienced temptation.

11. Read Matthew 4:1-11. In verses 4, 7, and 10, what did Jesus use to meet Satan's attacks? _____

12. What has God promised to the one who endures trials and temptations? James 1:12 _____

13. Even if we fall and sin, we should not give up being a Christian.
Realize that God knows we are not perfect, and He still loves us.
What does John 1:9 say we should do? _____

What will God do in response? _____

14. Overcoming sin and responding correctly when we have sinned are
both parts of our life with God. What does 1 John 3:5 say that Jesus
was manifested for? _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to share them
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