

Tested and Tempted

- I. God tests us the Devil tempts us.
 - a. What makes a temptation and trial? James 4:7; 1 Cor 10:13
 - i. A temptation is when our goal is to please self.
 - ii. A trial is found when our goal is to please the Lord.
 - b. Temptation leads to Sin James 1:12-15 Mat 4:3 1 Pet 5:8
 - c. Trials and Tests lived by Faith lead to growth. James 1:2-5
 - i. God already knows what we will choose when we are tested. However, we discover a genuine faith through a refiners fire (1 Peter 1:7)
 - ii. God sees you through a Test. Phil 1:6; Prov 3:5-6

- II. Abraham stops short of God's calling.
 - a. Abrahams First test is to follow God to Canaan Gen 12:1-3
 - b. Abraham settles to early. He stops in Harran. Genesis 12:4; 11:30-32; Acts 7:2 Hebrews 5:11-12

- III. Abraham worships in the middle of his struggles.
 - a. He builds an altar and pitches a tent. Genesis 12:6-8 .
 - b. The tent marked him as a "stranger and pilgrim" (Heb. 11:9-16; 1 Peter 2:11),
 - c. The altar marked him as a citizen of heaven who worshipped the true God.
 - d. Bethel is "house of God" (28:19), Ai means "ruin."

- IV. Abraham goes beyond Gods leading.
 - a. Abrahams delay bought him into Canaan at a bad time. vs.10
 - b. Rather than trust God, He keeps going to Egypt. Vs. 10b
 - c. Look at what happens to Abraham as he leaves God to follow his plan
 - i. Abraham moved from trusting to scheming. 10-13
 - ii. Abraham moved from confidence to fear. 10-13
 - iii. Abraham moved from "others" to self. Vs.13
 - iv. Abraham moved from bringing blessing to bringing judgment. Vs.17

Conclusion: 2 Timothy 2:19; Deuteronomy 6:23