

Part 2—What are Temptations/Tests/Trials?

Nouns

***peirasmos* [πειρασμός] [# 3986]—21 x**

- 1) Believers
 - a) Toward sin
 - i) Prayer assists us in times of temptation—Matthew 6:13; 26:41; Mark 14:38; Luke 11:4; 22:40, 46
 - ii) Being tempted is not sinful in and of itself—Luke 4:13; 22:28
 - iii) Sometimes it is primarily physical—Galatians 4:14
 - iv) Some sins lead to other temptations—1st Timothy 6:9
 - v) God knows how to rescue believers out of temptations—1st Corinthians 10:13 (2x); 2nd Peter 2:9
 - vi) Unbelievers can test Christians—Acts 20:19
 - b) Not toward sin
 - i) There are a variety of temptations—James 1:2; 1st Peter 1:6
 - (1) Some are more intense than others—1st Peter 4:12
 - (2) OT Israel experienced testing in the wilderness—Hebrews 3:8
 - ii) God's favor is upon those who endure temptation—James 1:12
- 2) Unbelievers
 - a) Times of testing may cause false believers to fall away—Luke 8:13
 - b) The Tribulation will be a time of testing from which NT saints are exempt—Revelation 3:10

***dokime* [δοκιμή] [# 1382]—6 x**

- 1) Endurance produces proven character—Romans 5:4; Philippians 2:22
- 2) Paul wrote to see if the Corinthians would obey him—2nd Corinthians 2:9
- 3) The Macedonian Christians experienced a severe test of pressure—2nd Corinthians 8:2
- 4) The Godward response of the Judean believers proved the offering was honoring to God—2nd Corinthians 9:13
- 5) Some in Corinth wanted proof that Christ authorized Paul—2nd Corinthians 13:3

***peira* [πειρά] [# 3984]—2 x**

- 1) The Egyptians failed in their test of crossing the Red Sea—Hebrews 11:29
- 2) Some believers are tested through mocking and scourging—Hebrews 11:36

Verbs

***peirazo* [πειράζω] [# 3985]—39 x**

- 1) Tempting/testing people (which may or may not be sinful)
 - a) Toward sin
 - i) Satanic/demonic source
 - (1) Jesus was tempted by Satan (the tempter)—Matthew 4:1, 3; Mark 1:13; Luke 4:2; Hebrews 2:18
 - (2) Satan can tempt married couples regarding their physical relationship—1st Corinthians 7:5
 - (3) Satan (the tempter) tempts believers to not trust—1st Thessalonians 3:5
 - (4) Satan tempted the congregation at Smyrna—Revelation 2:10

- ii) Human source
 - (1) Believers are tempted from within—James 1:14
- iii) Uncertain source
 - (1) God sovereignly controls our tempting—1st Corinthians 10:13
 - (2) Believers must be on the alert regarding temptations—Galatians 6:1
 - (3) Believers are being tempted—Hebrews 2:18; 11:37; James 1:13
- b) Not toward sin
 - i) The religious leaders tested Jesus—Matthew 16:1; 19:3; 22:18, 35; Mark 8:11; 10:2; 12:15; Luke 11:16; 20:23; John 6:6; 8:4, 6
 - ii) The Corinthian believers were to examine how they came to know Christ to see that God used Paul to accomplish it—2nd Corinthians 13:5
 - iii) Abraham was tested as he offered Isaac—Hebrews 11:17
 - iv) The Ephesian congregation tested false apostles—Revelation 2:2
 - v) The Tribulation will be a time of testing—Revelation 3:10
- 2) Testing God (which is sinful)
 - a) Testing God the Father—Acts 15:10; Hebrews 3:9a
 - b) Testing God the Son—1st Corinthians 10:9
 - c) Testing God the Spirit—Acts 5:9
- 3) Testing concerning events (which is not necessarily sinful)
 - a) The ministry team attempted to go into Bithynia—Acts 16:7
 - b) Paul was accused of attempting to desecrate the temple—Acts 24:6

dokimazo [δοκιμάζω] [# 1381]—23 x

- 1) Toward sin
 - a) Unbelievers evaluate God and reject Him—Romans 1:28
- 2) Not toward sin
 - a) By people
 - i) Discerning the possible weather—Luke 12:56
 - ii) Discerning the potential of a yoke of oxen—Luke 14:19
 - iii) Discerning between better and best—Romans 2:18; Philippians 1:10
 - iv) Discerning God’s will—Romans 12:2; 14:22; Ephesians 5:10
 - v) Discerning our preparedness for the Lord’s Supper—1st Corinthians 11:28
 - vi) Discerning qualifications of servants (both temporary and permanent) of the congregation—1st Corinthians 16:3; 2nd Corinthians 8:22; 1st Timothy 3:10
 - (1) The word “also” seems to refer to the discerning of potential pastors
 - vii) Discerning the genuineness of a congregation’s love—2nd Corinthians 8:8
 - viii) The Corinthian believers were to discern how they came to know Christ to see that God used Paul to accomplish it—2nd Corinthians 13:5
 - ix) Discerning the quality of one’s own works—Galatians 6:4
 - x) Discerning the quality of teaching one experiences—1st Thessalonians 5:21
 - xi) Discerning the source of spirit that motivates a teacher—1st John 4:1
 - b) By God
 - i) Discerning the quality of a pastor’s works—1st Corinthians 3:13
 - ii) Discerning who is fit for Christian ministry—1st Thessalonians 2:4a
 - iii) Discerning the heart of a Christian—1st Thessalonians 2:4b
 - iv) Discerning the genuineness of a believer’s faith—1st Peter 1:7
- 3) Testing God (this is sinful)
 - a) The OT Israelites put God to the test—Hebrews 3:9b