

"THE PURPOSE OF BEING TEMPTED AND TESTED"

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*[All scripture quotations are from the HalleluYaH Scriptures.]*

Ya'aqob 1:3, *"Let no one say when he is enticed, 'I am enticed by Aluhiym,' for Aluhiym is not temptable by evil, and HE entices no one."*

To begin this study I quoted Ya'aqob 1:13 because I know there are those who blame YaHuWaH Aluhiym for all the temptations they are having to endure, but dear reader, please believe that YaHuWaH will never entice you to do evil.

MattithYahuw 6:13, *"And do not lead us into trial, but deliver us from the wicked one, because yours is the reign and the power and the esteem, forever. Amein."*

The number for "TRIAL" is 3986 in Strong's Greek Dictionary and Thayer's Greek-Lexicon of the New Testament. #3986 = *of a condition of things, or a mental state, by which we are enticed to sin, or to a lapse from the belief and set apartness.* We just learned that YaHuWaH will never entice us to sin and to evil, so why does this statement exist, "Do not lead us into trial...?" The word for "lead" is #1519 and carries the meaning: *"it retains the force of entering into anything, something of which anything is passed through or falls into."*

I believe that what is being requested is: "Do not allow us to enter or fall into temptations/trials... This makes more sense in the context where YaHuWaH vows to never entice us to sin. The verse goes on asking YaHuWaH to deliver us from the wicked one (ha shatan). What we are, in fact, requesting of YaHuWaH Aluhiym, is that He does not allow us to be tried by hashatan and to deliver us from him.

"HOW DID YaHuWSHuWaH RESPOND TO THE TEMPTATIONS/ENTICEMENT OF HASHATAN?"

MattithYahuw 4:1-11 (but we will cover verses. 1 & 7), *"Then YaHuWSHuWaH was led up by the Ruwach into the wilderness to be TRIED by the devil."* "YaHuWSHuWaH said to him, *"It has also been written, you shall not try YaHuWaH your Aluhiym."* In verse one the word TRIED IS #3985 and in this context it means *"to try or test one's belief by enticement to sin"*. This is what hashatan does. He will place something in your path that looks good to the eyes, but is against the ToRaH of Aluhiym. This is called: *"The lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life."* (1 YaHuWCHaNaN 2:15-17) In verse 7 the word TRY is #1598 and means, *"To put to proof YaHuWaH's power and character."* We must learn that YaHuWSHuWaH was tempted by hashatan and his

children in every way we are tempted, but He never sinned. (Hebrews 4:24-16). Hashatan is the one who entices us to sin and we know that because YaHuWSHuWaH was tempted as we are that He fully understands our weaknesses. YaHuWSHuWaH knew / committed no sin / lawlessness, but He became the sin offering for us to take away our sins, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of Aluhiym. He fully understands us. We can go to Him for the help we need to overcome. We can do all things through Mashiyach who empowers us. Philippians 4:13.

Galatyiim 6:1, *“Brothers, if a man is overtaken in some trespass, you the ruwachual ones, put such a one straight in a ruwach of meekness, looking at yourself lest you be TRIED too.”* This word TRIED is #3985 and in this context it means: *To be careful not to put yourself in a situation where you will be tried and then overtaken in the same or similar trespass.* If a brother is back to using drugs and you are a delivered drug addict then it is not wise for you to place yourself in such an atmosphere. If you are led to do so, make sure you do not go alone. If you are delivered from sexual sins such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, then it would be wise to know from where you were delivered, and do not go to such a brother to help him alone. Look to yourself / consider yourself so you are not tried also. Remember Ya'aqob 1:14-16.

"WE ARE TO EXPECT SOME TESTS FROM YaHuWaH BUT NOT A TEST TO SIN"

Hebrew 11:17-19, *“By belief, Abraham, when he was TRIED, offered up Yitshaq, and he who had received the promises offered up his only brought-forth son, of whom it was said, “In Yitshaq your seed shall be called’, reckoning that Aluhiym was able to raise, even from the dead, from which he received him back, as a type.”*

The word TRIED is from #3985 and means: *“Adversity, Affliction, Trouble sent by YaHuWaH and serving to test or prove one’s belief, set-apartness, and character.”* It is to show / prove our steadfastness of our belief. YaHuWaH was tried like us in what He had suffered, himself being TRIED, He is able to help those who are TRIED. (Heb. 2:18); *“And Moshah said to the people, ‘Do not fear, for Aluhiym has come to PROVE you, and in order that HIS reverence be before you, so that you do not sin.”* (Shemoth 20:1-20). Debarim 8:1-2, *“Guard to do every command which I command you today, that you might live, and shall increase, and go in, and shall possess the land of which YaHuWaH swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that YaHuWaH your Aluhiym led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, PROVE YOU, to know what is in your heart, whether you guard HIS commands or not.”* So we see there are some tests YaHuWaH will send to us - to know if we will be true to HIM or not. This is not a test to entice you to sin. This is a test of fidelity. HE will not send any test we can't handle. *“No trial has overtaken you except such as is common to man, and Aluhiym is trustworthy, Who shall not*

*allow you to be TRIED beyond what you are able, but with the TRIAL shall also make the way of escape, enabling you to bear it." 1 Corin'tiyim 10:13.*

*Why is this true? Because of Ya'aqob 1:13. 2 Kepha 2:9, "YaHuWaH knows how to rescue the reverent ones from trial and to keep the unrighteous unto the day of judgement, to be punished."*

### "THE TEST OF SICKNESS AND ACCEPTING A BROTHER IN HIS SICKNESS"

*Galatiyim 4:13-15, "But you know that through weakness of the flesh I brought the Glad Tidings to you before. And my TRIAL which was in my flesh YOU DID NOT DESPISE OR REJECT BUT YOU RECEIVED ME AS A MESSENGER OF ALUHIYM AS MASHIYACH YaHuWSHuWaH. What then was your berakah? For I bear you witness, that if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me."*

There are two testings here. 1.) The test made of Shaul's bodily affliction, since this condition serves to test the love of the Galatiyim toward Shaul; 2.) The temptation of Shaul arising from his bodily infirmity. This word TRIAL is #3986 and means: "*an enticement to sin arising from our desires or from outward circumstances*". This is a trial of man's fidelity, integrity, virtue, and constancy. We are to accept our brothers and sisters in any condition they are in; i.e. sick, well, rich, poor, blind, disabled, etc. etc.

### "THE TEST OF FIRE"

*1 Kepha 1:3-9, "Baruk be the Aluhiym and Father of our Master YaHuWSHuWaH ha Mashiyach; Who according to His great compassion has caused us to be born again to a living expectation through the resurrection of YaHuWSHuWaH ha Mashiyach from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, having been kept in the shamayim for you, who are protected by the power of Aluhiym through belief, for a deliverance ready to be revealed in the last time, in which you exult, even though for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by manifold TRIALS, in order that the PROVING of your belief-much more precious than gold that perishes, and PROVEN BY FIRE-might be found to result in praise and respect and esteem at the revelation of YaHuWSHuWaH ha Mashiyach, whom having not seen, you love; in whom you exalt with unspeakable and esteemed joy? yet not seeing, but believing, OBTAINING THE GOAL OF YOUR BELIEF: A DELIVERANCE OF LIVES."*

*Trials is #1381 and it means: "to test, examine, prove, to see whether a person is genuine or not." (Mishley 17:23; ZekarYaHuW 13:1-9; 2 Qorin'tiyim 8:1-8; 1 Tas'loniqim 2:1-4).*

### "CONCLUSION"

We all have many things in common, but the main thing is that we, as believers in YaHuWShuWaH ha Mashiyach, will have to endure manifold trials. It is so vital that we be there for each other and to tell each other all we are going through so we can pray for each other. How can a brother know your trials if you do not tell him? We as a body need to trust each other and to confide in each other.

I pray this short study has helped you in your sufferings. May YaHuWaH Baruk you in your walk with HIM.

I love you all. Shalom.