

II Peter 2:9-10

9. Then the Lord knows how to **DELIVER the GODLY out of temptations** and to **RESERVE the UNJUST under PUNISHMENT for the DAY of JUDGMENT,**

- **I Corinthians 10:13** "No _____ has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but _____ is _____, who will _____ allow you to be _____ beyond what you are _____, but with the _____ will also make a way of _____, that you may be able to bear it."
- **Romans 2:16** "In the _____ when _____ will _____ the secrets of _____ by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel."
- **Acts 17:31** "Because _____ has appointed a _____ on which He will _____ the _____ in righteousness by the Man (Jesus) whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Definition: "TEMPTATIONS" - The Strong's Concordance says **the word for "temptation" also means trial or testing.** The Bible also uses the word "tribulations" which means troubles, afflictions, or problems in our lives. God allows us to go through certain trials and testings of our faith, but He does not tempt us to sin. Satan is the tempter, and the same word is used where Satan would be tempting a Christian to fall into sin. **The difference is that God is trying and TESTING us to strengthen our faith, whereas Satan is TEMPTING us to see if we will abandon our faith in God.** We see this in the life of Jesus. Jesus was the sinless Son of God, and **God the Father allowed Him to be tested and tempted by the devil.** He was not being **tested by the devil** because of any sin in His life. There are times when we must go through some kind of testing or trials, but it is not necessarily because there is some sin God is purging out of our lives. Some testings are just to teach us obedience and to trust in our Lord no matter what. Even Jesus, God in the flesh, had to be **"perfected" through suffering in order to learn obedience,** because these were things He could not learn in the perfect environment of heaven (see Phil. 2:8).

- **Matthew 4:1-3** "Then _____ was _____ up by the _____ into the wilderness to be _____ by the _____. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the _____ came to Him, he said, 'If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.'"
- **Hebrews 5:8-9** "Though He was a Son, yet He learned _____ by the things which He _____. And having been _____, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him."
- **Hebrews 2:10** "For it was fitting for _____, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the _____ of their salvation _____ through _____."

Definition: "The Lord knows how to DELIVER the GODLY out of TEMPTATIONS" - God promises in His word that He will not allow us to be tempted by the devil or tested by Himself beyond what we can handle. **He will "DELIVER the GODLY out of TEMPTATIONS",** and we as Christians are "the godly" He is speaking about. In I Corinthians 10:13, it says, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but **God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.** The "way of escape" may be different for each situation or person, but it is like having a safety valve to let off the excess steam before something explodes. God will deliver us and not let us "explode" under the

pressure of whatever testing it may be. "Testing" means to qualify or prove by way of being put through certain conditions or procedures, **in order to determine the quality or character of something**. "Trial" means a tryout or experiment to test the quality, value or usefulness of something. Machines and automobiles are put through "stress tests" to see if they will hold up under extreme conditions. God may allow some of us to go through extreme afflictions or tribulations to determine if our faith is genuine. Sometimes, the testing is a refining process that is designed to purge out of us certain impurities and sins that are hindering our growth to Christ-likeness. In this refining process, the **"TESTING of our faith produces PATIENCE,"** and **"tribulation produces perseverance"**, which means it allows the character qualities of Christ, such as patience and perseverance, to come to the surface, as the impurities are purged away. God's word says that **our attitude while going through testings and trials should be JOY and REJOICING** because God is perfecting us and making us like Christ.

- **James 1:2-4** "My brethren, count it all _____ when you fall into various _____, knowing that the _____ of your _____ produces _____. But let _____ have its perfect work, that you may be _____ and _____, lacking nothing."
- **John 16:33** "These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you shall have _____ (troubles, afflictions): but be of good cheer; I have _____ the world."
- **Romans 5:3-5** "And not only that, but we also glory in _____, knowing that _____ produces _____; and perseverance, _____; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the _____ of _____ has been poured out in our _____ by the _____ who was given to us."
- **I Peter 1:6-7** "In this you greatly _____, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved (distressed) by various _____, that the genuineness of your _____, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is _____ by fire, may be found to praise, honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ."
- **James 1:12** "Blessed is the man who endures _____; for when he has been _____, he will receive the _____ of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."
- **I Peter 4:13 & 19** "But _____ to the extent that you partake (share) of Christ's _____, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy." "Therefore, let those who _____ according to the _____ of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a _____ Creator."

Definition: "To RESERVE the UNJUST under PUNISHMENT for the day of JUDGMENT" - In this lifetime, it sometimes seems like the "unjust" (the wicked, evil, ungodly people) are getting away with their wickedness and not being punished, but God has "reserved" their punishment for His Day of Judgment. For the unsaved, there is coming a SPECIFIC day of resurrection and judgment, but not a 24-hour day as we know it. It is an appointed TIME of judgment, which may take hundreds of years in time as we know it, because billions and billions of people will be judged, and their lives and works will be read from the books and weighed and judged by God. The **RESURRECTION of CONDEMNATION (John 5:28-29)** will take place immediately after the thousand years are over (Rev. 20:5) and it is **for UNBELIEVERS only**. This is also referred to as "The Great White Throne Judgment" (see Rev. 20:11). The UNSAVED will then be **judged on the basis of their WORKS**, and their **WORKS will NOT be enough to save them**. Because they have REJECTED CHRIST and His atonement, they must bear their own punishment for their sins, and they will be thrown into the lake of fire (also called "The Second Death" - see Rev. 20:12-14, Rev. 21:8). The Anti-Christ and his false prophet

are the first ones to be thrown in the Lake of Fire, and they are the only ones thrown into it BEFORE the Millennium (see Rev. 19:20). Interesting note: **they are still there AFTER the 1,000 years** are finished. They are NOT consumed in the fire, but are still conscious!

- **Revelation 20:10** "And the _____, who deceived them, was cast into the _____ of _____ and brimstone where the beast (Anti-Christ) and the false prophet _____, and they will be _____ day and night _____ and ever."
- **Revelation 11:18** "The nations were angry, and Your _____ has come, and the _____ of the _____, that they should be _____, and that You should _____ Your _____ the _____ and the _____, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth."
- **Revelation 20:11-15** "Then I saw a great white _____ and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the _____, small and great, _____ before _____, and _____ were _____. And another _____ was opened, which is the _____ of _____. And the _____ were _____ according to their works, by the things which were _____ in the _____. The sea gave up the dead [bodies] who were in it, and Death (the grave) and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were _____, each one according to his _____. Then death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And anyone who was _____ found _____ in the _____ of _____ was cast into the _____ of _____."
- **II Thessalonians 2:12** "That they _____ may be condemned (judged) who did not _____ the _____ but had pleasure in unrighteousness."
- **Psalms 1:4-5** "The _____ are not so, but are like the _____ which the wind drives away. Therefore the _____ shall not stand in the _____, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous."

Definition: "The UNGODLY shall not STAND in the JUDGMENT" - At first glance, it sounds like the ungodly will not be judged. But actually, it says they will not STAND in the judgment, meaning they will be swept away (like chaff, see Psalm 1:4) and thrown into the lake of fire. Chaff is the worthless outer covering of the wheat, and is thrown away during the harvesting process. The congregation of the righteous will STAND before God, because God is able to make us stand (Romans 14:4).

- **Matthew 3:7-12** "But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'Brood of vipers! Who has _____ you to flee from the _____ to _____? Therefore bear _____ worthy of _____, and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does _____ bear good _____ is cut down and _____ into the _____. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I..... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and _____. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His threshing floor, and gather His _____ into the barn; but He will _____ up the _____ with unquenchable _____."

Definition: "They were JUDGED, each one according to his WORKS" - This also might seem like there is a chance for some people to be saved by their good works.

However, **the Bible says there is only one kind of work that a spiritually dead person can do, and that is DEAD WORKS.** Dead works are **religious works** or **good deeds** done in the **power of the flesh**, and a person who is operating in their FLESH, and not in FAITH and the power of the Holy Spirit, **CANNOT do ANYTHING that will be pleasing to God** (Rom. 8:8). Before we are born again by faith in Jesus Christ, we are all DEAD in our sins, and **ALL our works are DEAD works.** This is why there is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ, because it is NOT the keeping of laws, ordinances, rules, commandments, or ANY OUTWARD CONDUCT that makes a person RIGHTEOUS. There must be **an INWARD CHANGE, a NEW BIRTH, a CREATION by GOD** of a completely NEW PERSON, for someone to become alive spiritually. You must then be under the control of the Holy Spirit and cleansed by the blood of Jesus in order to produce any works that will be considered GOOD by God, and you must REPENT of the DEAD WORKS you did before. (John 3:3, Ephesians 2:1-5 & 8-9).

- **Hebrews 9:14** "How much more shall the _____ of _____, who through the eternal Spirit _____ Himself without spot to God, purge (cleanse) your conscience from _____ works to _____ the living God?"
- **Hebrews 6:1** "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of _____, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of _____ from _____ and of faith toward God."
- **Matthew 16:27** "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will _____ each according to his _____."

10. And especially those who walk according to the FLESH in the LUST of UNCLEANNES and DESPISE AUTHORITY. They are presumptuous, self-willed; **they are NOT AFRAID to speak EVIL of DIGNITARIES.**"

- **Jude 8** "Likewise also these dreamers defile the _____, reject _____, and speak _____ of _____."
- **II Corinthians 7:1** "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us _____ ourselves from all _____ of the _____ and spirit, perfecting _____ in the _____ of _____."
- **Ephesians 2:3** "Among whom also we all _____ conducted ourselves in the _____ of the _____, fulfilling the _____ of the _____ and of the _____; and were by _____ the children of _____, just as others." **Definitions: "DESPISE AUTHORITY" & "Speak EVIL of DIGNITARIES** - These two are closely related. Those who want to live their lives according to the lusts of their flesh, while practicing all kinds of sexual uncleanness and perversion, can only do it if they SHUT UP and STOP the voice of those **preaching God's word as our AUTHORITY. They don't want to hear that God's word says their sexual perversions are SIN! They DESPISE the AUTHORITY of God and His word!** They "speak evil of dignitaries" in that they are not afraid to blaspheme God, and say all sorts of horrible things about God, Jesus, the Bible, and everything holy. They have no fear of God, and they reject His right to have any authority over them and their sexual conduct.
- **Proverbs 1:7** "The _____ of the _____ is the beginning of knowledge; but _____ wisdom and instruction."
- **Proverbs 1:29-31** "Because they _____ knowledge and did not choose the _____ of the _____, they would have _____ of My counsel and _____ all My reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices."