

GOD SHALL TEST YOU

Winning God's approval

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ *Study to shew thyself approved unto God,*

It is one thing to be accepted by God and it's another thing to be approved by God.

God test us in different situations to be approved and if we get his approval, then He can accomplish something eternal through us before we leave this earth.

IF GOD APPROVES YOU, HE WILL MANIFEST YOU.

1 Corinthians 11:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ *For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you.*

Acts 2:22 (KJV)

²² *Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:*

God is never able to use a person before He test him and stronger the test is stronger the ministry that he has for you.

WE CAN GAIN THE APPROVAL OF GOD THROUGH FAITH

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

⁶ *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

So God test our faith.

GOD TESTED ADAM

God gave man freedom of choice and wanted Adam to partake His nature of Holiness so God tested Adam.

Genesis 2:16-17 (KJV)

¹⁶ *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: ¹⁷ But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

God never gave Adam the reason of not eating of the tree because God wanted Adam to obey Him by **faith**. A higher obedience of God is to obey when we don't stand.

God wanted Adam to trust Him and obey Him, knowing that God knows what is best for him.

WHAT IS FAITH?

Faith is total obedience in God in absolute confidence in:

- His perfect Wisdom
- His perfect Love
- His absolute Power

Don't look for faith in yourself, faith is found outside ourselves. You trust one bank and not another so faith is a question of whether the object of faith is worthy of faith.

Romans 10:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Our faith should be in the word of God

So the failure of Adam and Eve in the garden was primary the failure of faith in the word of God.

1. Trusting God for His perfect wisdom

Faith is beyond reason

God never stopped satan from tempting Adam

You may not understand why God allows satan to tempt you but you have to recognize that God's wisdom is higher and you can trust Him.

Genesis 3:6 (KJV)

⁶ *And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired **to make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

Human reason is very often a great enemy of faith.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

⁵ ***Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.***

⁶ *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

If we live by reason we will miss God's plan. Faith is to believe that God's wisdom is beyond human reason. The little decisions we took at different stages in life had determine where we are today. So your decisions of today will determine where you will be tomorrow.

2. Confidence in God's love

Faith is confidence that God's love for me is perfect.

Genesis 3:1 (KJV)

¹ *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?***

Faith is confidence that God's love for me is perfect even when I don't understand why God didn't give me that which I desire so much. It is because God really loves you.

FAITH VICTORY OVER SATAN

1 John 5:4 (KJV)

⁴ *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.***

Prayers that are delayed or not answered are tests of faith.

So many things can produce doubt, fear, anxiety, discouragement, depression, defeat, worries but our responsibilities are to trust in God's love and believe that God will never allow us to be tempted beyond our capabilities.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV)

¹³ *God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

2 Chronicles 32:31 (KJV) – King Ezekiel

³¹ *God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.*

You will be left alone so that satan can tempt you to see wither we will choose God's love.

Obedience of faith means that we believe that every commandment that God is giving us comes from a heart of love for you. Then this is a good reason to study God's commandments.

3. Confidence in God's Power

Faith is confidence in God's Power.

If Eve cried unto the Lord and lean on God's power, God would have helped her.

Matthew 14:30-32 (KJV)

³⁰ *But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.* ³¹ *And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?*** ³² *And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.*

Don't wait until you are broken call unto God's power

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

Mercy is God forgiving us for our past and grace is God giving us power for the future.

What we see in genesis 3 is that God is always on our side against satan and if we wait on God, we will always have His very best.