

Think it not Strange... Trials Try!!!

Part # 5

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Since July we have been teaching on the subject “Think it not strange... Trials Try!!!” “The Theme verses are found in 1st Peter 4:12-19 One of the goals and objectives of this teaching is for all of us as “Born-again Believer”, Christians, Saved Folks to understand that Trials which range from challenges to Tribulations ARE a GOD GIVEN Part of the Christian Life!!! Trials are circumstances and situations than cause us discomfort and often pain!!!!, Tribulations are situations and circumstance that cause us pain or discomfort over a prolonged period of time!! Trials are found in primarily four categories: 1) Self-Inflicted Trials, 2) Sin-Inflicted Trials, 3) Satan-Inflicted Trials and 4) Savior-Inflicted Trials. ALL Christians WILL EXPERIENCE Challenges, Trials and Tribulations in this Life!!! WHY??? The short answer is BECAUSE FATHER GOD ALMIGHTY SAID SO!!! (**James 1:2-4 (ASV)**) ² Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations; ³ Knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience. ⁴ And let patience have *its* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

All the previous lessons on this subject are found on the JLAL.org website under Bible Study Notes JULY 6th and 13th, AUGUST 3rd and 10th and This lesson will be available in the next 48 hours (part # 5, Satan-Inflicted Trials). Please take the time to print and review them.

1 Peter 4:12-19 (ASV) ¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you: ¹³ but inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory also ye may rejoice with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are ye*; because the *Spirit* of glory and the Spirit of God resteth upon you. ¹⁵ For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil-doer, or as a meddler in other men's matters: ¹⁶ but if *a man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. ¹⁷ For the time *is come* for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if *it begin* first at us, what *shall be* the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear? ¹⁹ Wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing unto a faithful Creator.

In reality all of our trials are technically Self-Inflicted!!! Today's lesson “Satan-Inflicted Trials” is NO Different!!! Let's look at the Word of God...

Genesis 2:15-17 (ASV) ¹⁵ And Jehovah God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. ¹⁶ And Jehovah 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. (Explain)

God gave the man Adam the commandment and responsibility.
Eve the Womb-Man was Adams help-meet and perfect companion for Man!

Genesis 2:21-25 (ASV) ²¹ And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof: ²² and the rib, which Jehovah God had taken from the man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. ²³ And the man said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. ²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

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Satan was able to attack the Man indirectly through the Woman, who gave her own version or interpretation about what God said. We must avoid doing the same thing the Word of God is best interpreted by itself!!!! We must stay away from adding or taking away from what God's Word says sometimes the best response is: I DON'T KNOW!!!

2 Peter 1:20-21 (ASV) ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

Deuteronomy 12:32 (KJV) ³² What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

Genesis 3:1-7 (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? ² And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³ But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. ⁴ And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 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. ⁷ And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. (Explain)

When Satan comes at us he come always in three primary areas of attack look at how Adam and Eve where attacked and compare what Satan did to what God's Word says:

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV) ¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Eve, 1) Saw the tree was good for food (THE LUST OF THE FLESH), the flesh wanted what looked good!!! But everything that looks good to the flesh isn't necessarily good and never is good when it is against God's WORD) – explain the difference between lusting after the flesh and living or walking in the flesh.

Romans 8:1-15 (KJV) ¹ There *is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: ⁴ That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ⁵ For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. ⁸ So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. ¹⁰ And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. ¹³ For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

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EVE, 2) Eve SAW that it was pleasant to the eyes (LUST OF THE EYES) our eyes will be gates to sin when we don't walk in the Spirit. Example - A good car salesperson will try to engage all of our flesh, senses and lust of the eyes and pride of life.

Job 31:1 (KJV) ¹ I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

2 Timothy 2:22 (KJV) ²² Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

EVE, 3) A Tree to be desired to make one wise (she and we at times have fell for the Satanic lie and Deception that God is holding back something from us that we need (Adam's and Eves want to be just like God as wise as God their pride said go for it!!! There is more God has for me and He is withholding it so I am going to do it my way!!!! (THE PRIDE OF LIFE) Pride always seeks its own will and way and not God's...Pride knows it all so no one can correct or challenge those walking (living in Pride) We all must guard against pride because GOD RESISTS THE PROUD (Literally means to fight against!!! I know none of us wants God as an opponent do we??? NO!!!) BUT GIVE GRACE to the HUMBLE!!! This is so IMPORTANT THAT IT IS REPEATED THREE TIME IN THE BIBLE:

Proverbs 3:34 (KJV) ³⁴ Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

James 4:5-6 (KJV) ⁵ Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? ⁶ But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

1 Peter 5:5-6 (KJV) ⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

We have through the power of the in- dwelling Holy Spirit, and the fact that the BLOOD Sacrifice of our LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST HAS (Past Tense, Already DONE !!!) Calls us Righteous, Holy, Saved, Sanctified, Justified, Redeemed, Sons and Daughters of the Most High God we are purified and in the MIND and Purposes of God we are GLORIFIED!!! HOMEWORK: IF YOU DON'T WHAT THESE TERMS/DEFINITIONS ARE LOOK THEM UP. THE ARE IN THE NEW MEMBER'S AND NEW BELIEVER'S LESSONS FOR JESUS IS LORD ASSEMBLY OF LOVE MEMBERS.