

## STUDY TWELVE

### THE TRIAL OF FAITH

We are to hold fast to the profession of our faith no matter the circumstance – in joy, in sorrow, in abundance or in want. Now that we have become believers, there is one very important thing that would be happening to us – in order that our faith would be strengthen. And one way faith gets strengthened is when it goes through trials. God in His divine wisdom allows all believers to go through certain kinds of trials in order that the above objective would be achieved. However, God knowing how difficult trials could be gives us grace to go through them as we look up to Him.

#### 1. MY TRIAL OF FAITH

- a. God's children suffer many trials - 2 Cor 8:2, 1 Peter 4:12
- b. These are often trials of faith - Gen 22:1,
- c. These are for our good - 1 Petr 1:5-7, Rom 8:28
- d. They are often a preparation for service - Luke 4:1-5
- e. He always shows the way out if we will trust him - 1 Cor 10:13, 2 Peter 2:9
- f. He rewards when we are faithful - Gen 22:16-18.

#### 2. WHAT ABOUT SATAN

- A. My enemy now – will oppose me. Accuser of brethren (Rev 12:10)
- B. He walks about as roaring lion to ruin my testimony (1 Peter 5:8)
- C. He transforms himself into an Angel of light to deceive me (2 Cor 11:14)
- D. Watch against him by humility and trust (1 Peter 5:6-8)
- E. Live a pure life (Eph 4:23-27, Phil 4:8)
- F. Resist him by the sword of the spirit – word of God (Jas 4:7, Eph. 4:17b, Heb. 4:12)
- G. Crucify his instrument – self & flesh. Gal. 5:17-21.

#### 3. GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF ME

- A. In service; Example of Paul (Phil 4:13)
- B. In temptation (1 John 4:4, Rom 8:31)
- C. In trouble (Jer 33:3, Isaiah 34:2)
- D. In all my needs (Matt 6:33, Phil 4:19, Eph 3:20,21)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord had promised to them that love Him"...James 1:12