Jas 1:2 ¶ My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

Mt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Lu 22:40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

Distresses

The gifts of joy come to us in the hard place to make us strong

Being strong in the Lord is rejoicing in Him in all things.

Ministers of End-Time Deliverance

2Co 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in **distresses**,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

* The Promise of Deliverance

2Co 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Micah 4:9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

10 Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.

11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

Isa 41:15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

* The Hour of Deliverance

Ac 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

* The Power of Deliverance

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

2Co 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

In necessities

1Co 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

2Pe 1:13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Jude 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

2Cor. 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

13:10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: {power: or, the right, or, privilege}

Ac 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2Cor. 6:4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

1. By the Power of God

2Co 13:4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

2Sa 3:39 And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

2Co 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Mt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Mr 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Joel 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.

Zec 12:8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

Ro 15:13 ¶ Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Ne 8:10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Rev. 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

1. By the Word of truth

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Eph 1:16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

1. By the Armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

1Th 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

Ro 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Ga 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Php 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Ps 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Isa 49:4 Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.

Jer 16:19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

2Co 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

1Cor. 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

Ac 13:6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Re 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Ps 74:1 ¶ <<Maschil of Asaph.>> O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?

De 29:19 And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:

**Judgment, Caused by— Covenant, Judgment for Breaking— Idolatry, Results of— Worship, False, Results of— Disobedience, Results of**: the judgment for breaking the covenant is spelled out in descriptive terms. The person who turns away to false gods and false worship will suffer the awesome weight of terrifying judgment. Note the graphic description in the Scripture:

1.  The Lord will severely judge the violator, the idolater and false worshipper ([Deut. 29:20-21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A20-21)). If a person lives a hypocritical life, feeling that he is safe and secure, immune from God's judgment—that person will bear the awesome weight of God's terrifying judgment. Note what Moses declared:

a.  The Lord will never forgive him and will blot his name out from under heaven ([Deut. 29:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A20)). The Lord's wrath and jealousy will burn against that person.

b.  The Lord will separate him for very special judgment ([Deut. 29:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A21)). The Lord will pour out upon him all the curses written in the Book of the Law, the Word of God.

Why so severe a judgment against the hypocrite, the idolater and false worshipper? The answer is given above: because the person turned away from the Lord, turned away to false worship, to worship the gods of this world. By so turning away, he misled others to turn away from God and to engage in false worship. He became a hypocrite, claiming to follow God, while all the time he was following a false, lifeless, and senseless god. Following the false god, he felt safe and secure, immune from the holy judgment of the only living and true God. But the judgment of God is sure: this person will suffer all the curses of God's judgment.

2.  Moses declares that the nation of Israel will become a spectacle ([Deut. 29:22-23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A22-23)). Note that this is a prediction of what will happen to Israel in the future. The people will be chastised as a nation because they allowed idolatry to infiltrate and permeate the nation, because they allowed so many to be swept away by the hypocrites, swept away into false worship. The judgment upon the nation will be severe:

⇒  The land will suffer calamity after calamity and disease after disease ([Deut. 29:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A22)).

⇒  The land will become a burning waste, unproductive, with no vegetation growing ([Deut. 29:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A23)).

⇒  The land will suffer the same destruction that fell upon Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim ([Deut. 29:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A23)).

3.  The judgment will be so fierce and catastrophic that people will question why ([Deut. 29:24-28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A24-28)). Very simply, the answer will be because the people broke the covenant of the Lord God. The people broke the promise they made to God when He saved them from Egypt ([Deut. 29:25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A25)). Remember, this is a symbol of the believer being saved from the enslavement of the world. The Israelites broke their promise, turning away from the Lord to false gods and false worship. Tragically, they abandoned their commitment and covenant with the Lord.

The result of their apostasy would be catastrophic and tragic: the Lord's anger would burn against them and devastate the land itself. In furious anger and wrath, the Lord would allow a nation to conquer and uproot them. They would be transported into a foreign nation. The people of Israel would be conquered and taken as slaves into the foreign nation ([Deut. 29:28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A28)).

4.  The prediction of these things are said to be "secret things" ([Deut. 29:29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+29%3A29)). They belong to the Lord and are known only by Him. The hypocritical spirit and apostasy of the Israelites would happen just as God reveals in Holy Scripture. The judgment upon Israel would also happen just as God predicted and history has now shown. But when the events were revealed for the first time here in Scripture—back in the days of Deuteronomy—they were secret things. The fact that they would actually happen, especially to those standing there before Moses, was incomprehensible. But today, history has shown that they did happen.

Now note this fact: Moses declares that the things revealed in God's Holy Word belong to us. But God has revealed them to us for a very specific purpose: that we may follow His Holy Word, keep His commandments.

**Thought 1**. The judgment of God will fall upon any person who lives a hypocritical life. No matter what a person professes, if he does not live for Christ, following and obeying Him, he will suffer the judgment of God. But not only the hypocrite: the idolater and false worshipper will also bear the judgment of God. The judgment of God is sure: the wrath of God will be executed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, in particular against those who hold the truth in unrighteousness.

**"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (**[**Romans 1:18**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+1%3A18)**).**

**"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left" (**[**Matthew 25:31-33**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+25%3A31-33)**).**

**"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (**[**John 3:36**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+3%3A36)**).**

**"But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath" (**[**Romans 2:8**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+2%3A8)**).**

**"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience" (**[**Ephes. 5:3-6**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+5%3A3-6)**).**

**"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (**[**2 Peter 2:9**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Pe+2%3A9)**).**

**"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (**[**2 Peter 3:7**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Pe+3%3A7)**).**

**"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (**[**Jude 14-15**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jude+1%3A14-15)**).**

1. Jesus works all things to the praise of the Glory of His Grace

Eph 1:6 **To the praise of the glory of his grace**, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

1. Jesus worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Eph.1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

2Co 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1. **Jesus is all things to all people**

1Cor. 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

1Co 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Col 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

**Jesus can make us like Himself**

Ro 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

1Cor. 9:19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

1Co 10:33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2Co 4:11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

Php 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Heb 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.