**CHAPTER** **2**

*God’s servants must look for temptations: and must arm themselves with patience and confidence in God.*

**1** Son, when thou comest to the service of God, stand in justice and in fear, and prepare thy soul for temptation.

**2** Humble thy heart, and endure: incline thy ear, and receive the words of understanding: and make not haste in the time of clouds.

**3** Wait on God with patience: join thyself to God, and endure, that thy life may be increased in the latter end.

**4** Take all that shall be brought upon thee: and in thy sorrow endure, and in thy humiliation keep patience.

**5** For gold and silver are tried in the fire, but acceptable men in the furnace of humiliation.

**6** Believe God, and he will recover thee: and direct thy way, and trust in him. Keep his fear, and grow old therein.

**7** Ye that fear the Lord, wait for his mercy: and go not aside from him, lest ye fall.

**8** Ye that fear the Lord, believe him: and your reward shall not be made void.

**9** Ye that fear the Lord, hope in him: and mercy shall come to you for your delight.

**10** Ye that fear the Lord, love him, and your hearts shall be enlightened.

**11** My children behold the generations of men: and know ye that no one hath hoped in the Lord, and hath been confounded.

**12** For who hath continued in his commandment, and hath been forsaken? or who hath called upon him, and he despised him?

**13** For God is compassionate and merciful, and will forgive sins in the day of tribulation: and he is a protector to all that seek him in truth.

**14** Woe to them that are of a double heart and to wicked lips, and to the hands that do evil, and to the sinner that goeth on the earth two ways.

**15** Woe to them that are fainthearted, who believe not God: and therefore they shall not be protected by him.

**16** Woe to them that have lost patience, and that have forsaken the right ways, and have gone aside into crooked ways.

**17** And what will they do, when the Lord shall begin to examine?

**18** They that fear the Lord, will not be incredulous to his word: and they that love him, will keep his way.

**19** They that fear the Lord, will seek after the things that are well pleasing to him: and they that love him, shall be filled with his law.

**20** They that fear the Lord, will prepare their hearts, and in his sight will sanctify their souls,

**21** They that fear the Lord, keep his commandments, and will have patience even until his visitation,

**22** Saying: If we do not penance, we shall fall into the hands of the Lord, and not into the hands of men.

**23** For according to his greatness, so also is his mercy with him.