

Trouble is unavoidable

Job 5:7 - 9 (NASB)

- ⁷ For man is born for trouble,
As sparks fly upward.
⁸ “But as for me, I would seek God,
And I would place my cause before God;
⁹ Who does great and unsearchable things,
Wonders without number.

Job 14:1 (KJV) ¹Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble.

Psa 22:11 (NASB) ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near; For there is none to help.

Isa 8:22 (KJV) ²²And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall* be driven to darkness.

1 Cor 7:28 (NASB)

²⁸But if you marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

2 Cor 4:8 (KJV)

⁸*We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;

Even Jesus had troubles....

John 11:33 – He groaned in His spirit

John 12:27 (KJV)

²⁷Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

John 16:33 (NLT)

³³I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

Monday Morning Moment: *“God brings trials into our lives not to hurt us, but to help us”*

Proverbs 17:3 (KJV) *The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the Lord tests hearts.*

Proverbs 17:3 (NLT) Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but the LORD tests the heart.

Word Study:

The word test and the word trial are the same. Same word in the Greek = Peirasmos (n.), Peirazo (v.)
Tests/trials and temptations are also synonymous in Greek definitions, but different in meaning/usage.

Definition: to try whether a thing can be done; to attempt, endeavor

1. *Good sense:* to try, test: for the purpose of ascertaining his quantity, or what he thinks, or how he will behave himself; the trial of man's fidelity, integrity, virtue, constancy. adversity, affliction, trouble: sent by God and serving to test or prove one's character, faith, holiness

Good sense = Heb 11:17 (NASB)

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when **he was tested**, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; (*here test means unwavering trust in God*)

2. *Bad sense:* to test one maliciously, craftily to put to the proof his feelings or judgments ; to try or test one's faith, virtue, character, by enticement to sin; to solicit to sin, to tempt; temptations are ALWAYS of the devil
James 1:13 (NLT)¹³And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.

Bad Sense = Gal 6:1 (NLT)

¹Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to **fall into the same temptation yourself**. (*here temptation means trespass*)

Peirasmos is not temptation in our sense of the term; it is testing or trials.

It is a trial or testing directed towards an end, and the end is that he who is tested should emerge stronger and purer from the testing. The idea is not that of seduction into sin but of strengthening and purifying.

James 1:12 - 18 (NASB)

¹²Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

¹³**Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.**

¹⁴**But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.**

Eph 4:21 - 24 (NLT) ²¹Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²²throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

¹⁵Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

¹⁷Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

God does NOT tempt any man. He places nothing before any human being with a view to induce him to do wrong.

God cannot be tempted for a multitude of reasons, but one is that He already has everything and owns everything:

- **Psa 50:10 - 12 (KJV)** ¹⁰For every beast of the forest *is* mine, *and* the cattle upon a thousand hills.

¹¹ I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field *are* mine.

¹² If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: **for the world *is* mine, and the fulness thereof.**