TESTING 1,2,3... STAY HAPPY!

1 Peter 1:3-8

- ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- ⁴ To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
- ⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- ⁶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
- ⁷ That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and

honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

⁸ Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Ecclesiastes 7:13-14

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- 13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?
- ¹⁴ In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

John 16:33King James Version (KJV)

³³ These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Galatians 6:9

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⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Proverbs 24:10

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¹⁰ If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

1 Peter 4:1-3

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4 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

- ² That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.
- ³ For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine,

revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

- ⁷ But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.
- ⁸ And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.
- ⁹ Use hospitality one to another without grudging.
- ¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:
- ¹³ But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.
- 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.
- ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other

men's matters.

- ¹⁶ Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.
- 17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
- ¹⁸ And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?
- Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

- ⁸ For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.
- 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.
- 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.

James 5:7-11

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⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

⁸ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the

coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

- ⁹ Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.
- ¹⁰ Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
- He Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Job 1:8-22

- ⁸ And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?
- ⁹ Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

- ¹⁰ Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.
- But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.
- ¹² And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.
- ¹³ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
- ¹⁴ And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:
- ¹⁵ And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

- While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
- While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
- ¹⁸ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
- ¹⁹ And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
- ²⁰ Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground,

and worshipped,

- And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.
- ²² In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job 2:6-10

- ⁶ And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.
- ⁷ So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
- ⁸ And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.
- ⁹ Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

¹⁰ But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

2 Samuel 16:5-14

- ⁵ And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.
- ⁶ And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.
- ⁷ And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial:
- ⁸ The Lord hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast

reigned; and the Lord hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man.

- ⁹ Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.
- ¹⁰ And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the Lord hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?
- And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the Lord hath bidden him.
- ¹² It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction, and that the Lord will requite me good for his cursing this day.
- 13 And as David and his men went by the way,

Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

¹⁴ And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

Matthew 14:1-4

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14 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,

- ² And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.
- ³ For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.
- ⁴ For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.
- 10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

- And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.
- ¹² And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.
- When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

Psalm 18:27-30

- ²⁷ For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.
- ²⁸ For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.
- ²⁹ For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.
- 30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the

Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Romans 8:35-39

- Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- ³⁶ As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- ³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 1:1-4

- 1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.
- ² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
- ³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
- ⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
- Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.