

Are You Being Tested?

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Learn to Fight / Fight of Faith; Testing; Test / Judges 3:1-4

This sermon, "Are You Being Tested?" calls Christians to recognize their spiritual battles as tests of faith and encourages vigilance, equipping oneself with the armor of God and enduring commitment to God's commands as strategies to triumph in this ongoing spiritual warfare.



Judges 3:1-2 ESV

¹ Now these are the nations that the LORD left, to test Israel by them, that is, all in Israel who had not experienced all the wars in Canaan. ² It was only in order that the generations of the people of Israel might know war, to teach war to those who had not known it before.

Ephesians 6:12 ESV

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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1: Understanding the battle

1 Peter 5:8 ESV

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

2 Corinthians 2:11 ESV

¹¹ so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

2: Equipping ourselves for battle

Ephesians 6:13–18 ESV

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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3: Enduring till the end

Hebrews 12:1 ESV

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 Timothy 4:7 ESV

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear** (Image of an ear) **Romans 10:17**
- Believe** (Image of three crosses on a hill) **John 8:24**
- Repent** (Image of a yellow U-turn sign) **2 Peter 3:9**
- Confess** (Image of a person's mouth) **Romans 10:9**
- Be Baptized** (Image of two people in water) **Acts 2:38**
- Remain Faithful** (Image of a muscular arm) **Revelation 2:10**