MANKIND IS BEING TRIED By Apostle Jacquelyn Fedor

Last blast we examined the word "tribulation" for a better understanding apart from the false doctrines and the lies fed to the church. We found it was an outside stimulus from the enemy to prove mankind, and in fact all creation, unworthy of this planet. His argument, mankind has adapted to his ways, chosen his knowledge and reacted to life's tests in the same manner he would. He claims man has been assimilated into his world and his culture, and along with all creation has developed a nature closer to his image than that of God. He argues, many of the born again belong to him also as they have legally given up their birthright to the Kingdom of God. This is based on the evidence they have returned to their Adamic ways, entered back into his world and have become once again a part of the human race already pronounced guilty by God in the garden. Esau prophetically portrayed a type of this sector of humanity, and has set a precedent for the enemy's case. Even Mount Seir, the home of Esau, is the mountain that stands in opposition to Zion, God's holy mountain.

As we looked closer into the tactics of the enemy that is causing mankind's tribulation we began to see it is not just an attack on us as individuals, but a worldwide attack against all of creation. Satan brings evidence of a lawless body before the Lord, one that ignores God's laws, has very little relationship

with the Lord, and happily lives in his world of intellect, chaos and crime. Many of these actually think they stand guiltless before God. You know the false doctrine, "once saved always saved". There are many more that do not recognize themselves as the accused, or know they are being tried, or that court has been and is in session.

As I said in the last blast, I realize it is quite boring to read from a dictionary, but how else will we understand or recognize the tactics of the enemy or even know when we are personally on the stand as the accused? If we are unaware of the spiritual court, no telling how we will react to the harassment of the accuser of the brethren as we are being tried, so let us look first at the word "tried" in the Strongs dictionary so as to not incriminate ourselves or end up in contempt of court.

Greek:

4448. puroo poo-ro'-o from 4442; <u>to kindle</u>, i.e. (passively) to <u>be ignited</u>, <u>glow</u> (literally), <u>be refined</u> (by implication), or (figuratively) to <u>be inflamed</u> (with <u>anger</u>, <u>grief</u>, <u>lust</u>):--<u>burn</u>, <u>fiery</u>, <u>be on fire</u>, <u>try</u>. (Jesus says, "be angry, but do not sin".)

4442. pur poor a primary word; "fire" (literally or figuratively, specially, lightning):--fiery, fire. (Have you ever felt on fire with anger during a heated argument? Did you pass that test or trial?)

3985. peirazo pi-rad'-zo from 3984; to test (objectively), i.e. endeavor, <u>scrutinize</u>, <u>entice</u>, <u>discipline</u>:--<u>assay</u>, <u>examine</u>, go about, <u>prove</u>, <u>tempt</u>(-er), try. (Satan entices us, tempts us, looking for us to fail, scrutinizing our every move to report to God.)

3984. peira pi'-rah from the base of 4008 (<u>through the idea of piercing</u>); a <u>test</u>, i.e. attempt, <u>experience</u>:--<u>assaying</u>, <u>trial</u>. (Assay can mean to test the nature, or purity of a thing, analyzed, tested.)

4008. peran per'-<u>an apparently accusative case</u> of an <u>obsolete derivative</u> of <u>peiro</u> (to "<u>pierce</u>"); <u>through</u> (as adverb or preposition), i.e. <u>across</u>:--<u>beyond</u>, <u>farther</u> (<u>other</u>) <u>side</u>, <u>over</u>. (Have you ever experienced a situation that left you devastated, pierced to the core of your being? I hope you didn't blame God. Death of a loved one or even a pet can stir this reaction and many times we accuse the wrong one.)

1381. dokimazo dok-im-ad'-zo from 1384; to <u>test</u> (literally or figuratively); by implication, to <u>approve</u>:--<u>allow</u>, <u>discern</u>, examine, X like, (ap-)prove, try. 1384. dokimos dok'-ee-mos from 1380; properly, <u>acceptable</u> (<u>current after</u> <u>assayal</u>), i.e. <u>approved</u>:--approved, <u>tried</u>. (We can pass our tests if we know truth and stand firm in the laws of God and be approved after assayal.) 1380. dokeo dok-eh'-o a prolonged form of a primary verb, doko dok'-o (used only in an alternate in certain tenses; compare the base of 1166) of the same meaning; to think; by implication, to seem (<u>truthfully</u> or <u>uncertainly</u>):--<u>be</u>. <u>accounted</u>, (of <u>own</u>) <u>please(-ure</u>), be of <u>reputation</u>, seem (good), suppose, think, trow. (Trow means to have faith or believe, to suppose a thing a certain way.)

Hebrew:

6884 tsaraph tsaw-raf' a primitive root; to <u>fuse</u> (metal), i.e. <u>refine</u> (literally or figuratively):--cast, (re-)fine(-er), founder, goldsmith, <u>melt</u>, <u>pure</u>, <u>purge away</u>, try. (As God's treasure, His silver and gold, we are purged and refined in the fire. When a test is severe we come through it much more pure and matured, especially if we understand who it is that gives us the test and react appropriately.)

974 bachan baw-khan' a primitive root; to test (especially metals); generally and figuratively, to investigate:--examine, prove, tempt, try (trial).
976 bochan bo'-khan from 974; trial:--tried. (We must examine or investigate a situation to prove our innocence or guilt. How well do we know God's laws? To win we must know them plus the truth that pertains to that situation. Remember also, God's laws supersede man's.)

You see, man has unknowingly been tried and on trial since the cross. Satan is desperately trying to prove to God we are not worthy of receiving the benefits of Christ's victory or our inheritance as promised in the covenants. The Lord's prayer puts it all in perspective:

"Our Father which is in heaven (we are designating which is our Father), Holy is Your name. (It is the name above all names.) Your Kingdom come (We are tired of being constantly in tests and tribulation. We hate what the enemy does to humanity, bringing sickness, death, sorrow, in fact, the enemy is enslaving all creation.) Your will be done (let Your will be carried out through our obedience to the law that You wrote on our hearts and the Word penned in what we call the Bible) on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread (take care of Your creation as You topple man's systems that are empowered by the enemy) forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us (let the blood of the Lamb wash clean our spirits, souls and bodies, and we ask that you protect all creation from their mistakes as we have evidence that Satan is at the core of their sin). (Now look at the next part of the prayer Jesus taught us how to pray!) Lead us not into temptation (trial), but deliver us from evil, (give us witness protection as we bring evidence against Your enemies) for Yours is the Kingdom, the power, the glory, forever – amen."

Wow! Is this not exciting? Come on brothers and sisters, forget that you have been raised in Judaism, Christianity, or any other religion for that matter. Rise up as witnesses of how the enemy has tried to ruin your walk with God. Regardless of our beliefs, let us join together as God's family, earth's inhabitants and meet our accuser in court. It's our turn! Take the witness stand and through praise and prayer testify against him. Bring evidence of his presence in all the evil performed on the earth. Those that know the laws of God, let us take a stand against the enemy for all creation as God's people and defend our right to the planet and the resources God put here for us.

Let us take a quick look at the word "trial" in the Strongs.

Hebrew:

4531 maccah mas-saw' from 5254; <u>a testing</u>, of <u>men (judicial) or of God</u> (<u>querulous</u>):--<u>temptation</u>, <u>trial</u>. (Lead us not in temptation or trial.) 5254 nacah naw-saw' a primitive root; to <u>test</u>; by implication, <u>to attempt</u>:-adventure, <u>assay</u>, <u>prove</u>, <u>tempt</u>, <u>try</u>. (Satan attempts to prove us unfit through temptation. We must be able to stand against him, fully armed in our armor, and guided by God's law. Not the law of Moses, but the law of God on our hearts.)

974 bachan baw-khan' a primitive root; <u>to test (especially metals</u>); generally and <u>figuratively</u>, <u>to investigate</u>:--<u>examine</u>, <u>prove</u>, tempt, try (trial). (We are His silver and gold, his treasure if, after investigation, or being examined we are proved pure.)

Greek:

1382. dokime dok-ee-may' from the same as 1384; test (abstractly or <u>concretely</u>); by implication, <u>trustiness</u>:--experience(-riment), <u>proof</u>, trial. (Will we be proved trustworthy?)

1384. dokimos dok'-ee-mos from 1380; properly, acceptable (current after assayal), i.e. approved:--approved, tried. (Are we acceptable at the current assayal? Our past does not count, good or bad, it is what we are today.) 1380. dokeo dok-eh'-o a prolonged form of a primary verb, doko dok'-o (used only in an alternate in certain tenses; compare the base of 1166) of the same meaning; to think; by implication, to seem (truthfully or uncertainly):--be accounted, (of own) please(-ure), be of reputation, seem (good), suppose, think, trow. (We must think from the Tree of Life, speak Truth, make sure the things that bring us pleasure are acceptable to God, certainly not being concerned with being someone special, but being content to be known as a child of God.)

1166. deiknuo dike-noo'-o a prolonged form of an obsolete primary of the same meaning; <u>to show</u> (appear) (literally or figuratively):--<u>shew</u>.

If, after testing, we are approved, we will stand on earth as acceptable children of God. The full stature of Christ will manifest through these approved ones to stand in the gap for all creation in prayer and praise.

Jesus promises at Revelation 3:10,

10 <u>Because you have kept My command to persevere</u>, I <u>also</u> will keep <u>you</u> from the <u>hour of trial</u> which <u>shall come upon the whole world</u>, to <u>test</u> those who <u>dwell</u> on the <u>earth</u>.

Satan has been gathering evidence for years against us. Let us rapidly gather evidence against him to submit to the Judge. It is easy, just look at every shooting, every disaster, every death, every evil thing that happens. He is there and these things are the fruit or evidence of his intervention. Carry this fruit as evidence against him to the court. All creation waits eagerly for these things to happen. When the final judgment is decreed, all evidence collected and ruled on, Christ's victory will be implemented on earth and they too will be set free, and restored to the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Romans 8:19-21

19 For the <u>earnest expectation</u> of the <u>creation eagerly waits</u> for the <u>revealing</u> (showing - shew) of the <u>sons of God</u>.

20 For the creation was <u>subjected</u> to <u>futility</u>, <u>not willingly</u>, but because of Him who <u>subjected it in hope</u>;

21 because the <u>creation itself also</u> will be delivered from the <u>bondage of</u> <u>corruption</u> into the <u>glorious liberty</u> of the <u>children of God</u>.

In closing, we must understand our enemy is not people or in fact anything on this planet that was created by God to live in it. Our enemy is an intruder. Satan and his corrupted followers are evil spirits that use the earth's inhabitants as vessels or bodies to carry out his malicious plans to confiscate what Father created for us. We must stand in the gap for those that do not understand, bring evidence and testify of the enemy's influence to God as we see the fruit of him invading our world. We must be watchmen on the wall, overcomers who have withstood the fires of trial to be approved and anointed by God to be trustworthy witnesses to break the yoke of Satan's presence and hold over the earth. Mankind is being tried, but we win through the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

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