

## Topic: Testing

### English search terms:

- Test

### Original language search terms:

- Term.
  - Hebrew:
    - *nasah* (Gen. 22:1)
    - *bachan* (Gen. 42:15)
    - *bochan* (Is. 28:16)
    - *bachar* (Is 48:10)
    - *barar* (Eccl. 3:18)
    - *tzaraf* (Judg. 7:4)
    - *mivtzvar, mivtzarah* (Jer. 6:27)
  - Greek:
    - ἐκπειράζω (Matt. 4:7)
    - πειράζω (Matt. 16:1)
    - δοκιμάζω (1 Cor. 3:13)
    - δοκιμή (2 Cor. 2:9)
    - ἀδόκιμος (2 Cor. 13:5)
    - δοκιμασία (Heb. 3:9)
    - δοκίμιον (James 1:3)
    - πειρασμός (Rev. 3:10)

### Scriptures (156 occurrences)

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| • <i>Gen. 22:1-19</i>  | • <i>Judg. 7:4</i>    | • <i>Psa. 17:3</i>    | • <i>Eccl. 7:23</i> |
| • <i>Gen. 42:15-16</i> | • <i>Judg. 17:4</i>   | • <i>Psa. 26:2</i>    | • <i>Is. 1:25</i>   |
| • <i>Ex. 15:25</i>     | • <i>1Sam. 17:39</i>  | • <i>Psa. 66:10</i>   | • <i>Is. 7:12</i>   |
| • <i>Ex. 16:4</i>      | • <i>2Sam. 22:31</i>  | • <i>Psa. 78:18</i>   | • <i>Is. 28:16</i>  |
| • <i>Ex. 17:2</i>      | • <i>1Kings 10:1</i>  | • <i>Psa. 78:41</i>   | • <i>Is. 40:19</i>  |
| • <i>Ex. 17:7</i>      | • <i>1 Chr. 29:17</i> | • <i>Psa. 78:56</i>   | • <i>Is. 41:7</i>   |
| • <i>Ex. 20:20</i>     | • <i>2Chr. 9:1</i>    | • <i>Psa. 81:7</i>    | • <i>Is. 46:6</i>   |
| • <i>Num. 14:22</i>    | • <i>2Chr. 32:31</i>  | • <i>Psa. 95:9</i>    | • <i>Is. 48:10</i>  |
| • <i>Deut. 6:16</i>    | • <i>Neh. 3:8, 32</i> | • <i>Psa. 105:19</i>  | • <i>Jer. 6:27</i>  |
| • <i>Deut. 8:2</i>     | • <i>Job 7:18</i>     | • <i>Psa. 106:14</i>  | • <i>Jer. 6:29</i>  |
| • <i>Deut. 8:16</i>    | • <i>Job 12:11</i>    | • <i>Psa. 119:140</i> | • <i>Jer. 9:7</i>   |
| • <i>Deut. 13:3</i>    | • <i>Job 23:10</i>    | • <i>Psa. 139:23</i>  | • <i>Jer. 10:9</i>  |
| • <i>Deut. 33:8</i>    | • <i>Job 34:3</i>     | • <i>Prov. 17:3</i>   | • <i>Jer. 10:14</i> |
| • <i>Judg. 2:22</i>    | • <i>Job 34:36</i>    | • <i>Prov. 27:21</i>  | • <i>Jer. 11:20</i> |
| • <i>Judg. 3:1</i>     | • <i>Psa. 7:9</i>     | • <i>Prov. 30:5</i>   | • <i>Jer. 12:3</i>  |
| • <i>Judg. 3:4</i>     | • <i>Psa. 11:4-5</i>  | • <i>Eccl. 2:1</i>    | • <i>Jer. 17:10</i> |
| • <i>Judg. 6:39</i>    | • <i>Psa. 12:6</i>    | • <i>Eccl. 3:18</i>   | • <i>Jer. 20:12</i> |

- *Jer. 51:17*
- *Ezek. 21:13*
- *Dan. 1:12*
- *Dan. 1:14*
- *Dan. 12:10*
- *Zech. 13:9*
- *Mal. 3:2*
- *Mal. 3:10*
- *Mal. 3:15*
- *Matt. 4:1*
- *Matt. 4:3*
- *Matt. 4:7*
- *Matt. 6:13*
- *Matt. 16:1*
- *Matt. 19:3*
- *Matt. 22:18*
- *Matt. 22:35*
- *Matt. 26:41*
- *Mark 1:13*
- *Mark 8:11*
- *Mark 10:2*
- *Mark 12:15*
- *Mark 14:38*
- *Luke 4:2*
- *Luke 4:12*
- *Luke 4:13*
- *Luke 8:13*
- *Luke 10:25*
- *Luke 11:4*
- *Luke 11:16*
- *Luke 22:28*
- *Luke 22:40, 46*
- *John 6:6*
- *John 8:6*
- *Acts 5:9*
- *Acts 20:19*
- *Acts 15:10*
- *Rom. 5:4*
- *1 Cor. 3:13*
- *1 Cor. 9:27*
- *1 Cor. 10:9*
- *1 Cor. 10:13*
- *1 Cor. 11:28*
- *2 Cor. 2:9*
- *2 Cor. 8:2*
- *2 Cor. 8:8*
- *2 Cor. 8:22*
- *2 Cor. 9:13*
- *2 Cor. 13:3*
- *2 Cor. 13:5*
- *2 Cor. 13:6*
- *2 Cor. 13:7*
- *Gal. 4:14*
- *Phil. 2:22*
- *1 Th. 2:4*
- *1 Th. 5:21*
- *1 Tim. 3:10*
- *2 Tim. 3:8*
- *Heb. 2:18*
- *Heb. 3:8*
- *Heb. 3:9*
- *Heb. 4:15*
- *Heb. 11:17*
- *James 1:2*
- *James 1:3*
- *James 1:12*
- *James 1:13, 14*
- *1 Pet. 1:6*
- *1 Pet. 1:7*
- *1 Pet. 4:12*
- *2 Pet. 2:9*
- *1 John 4:1*
- *Rev. 2:2*
- *Rev. 2:10*
- *Rev. 3:10*

### Scripture study

- **God tests people.** Gen. 22:1, 12, 16; Ex. 15:25; 16:4; 20:20; Deut. 8:2, 16; 13:3; 33:8; Judg. 2:22; 3:1, 4; 7:4; 1 Chr. 29:17; 2 Chr. 32:31; Job 7:18; 23:10; 34:36; Ps. 7:9; 11:4-5; 17:3; 26:2; 66:10; 81:7; 105:19; Ps. 139:23; Prov. 17:3; Eccl. 3:18; Is. 48:10; Jer. 6:27; 9:7; 11:20; 12:3; 17:10; 20:12; Ezek. 21:13; Dan. 12:10; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:1-4; Matt. 4:1-11//Mark 1:12-13// Luke 4:1-13; Heb. 2:18; 4:15; 11:17-19; 1 Pet. 1:6-7; 4:12; Rev. 3:10
  - **Not every trial/difficulty is attributed to God's testing.** Gal. 4:14
    - God does not test people in the sense of tempting them toward sin. James 1:13-14
  - **God tests people to know what is in their hearts**—whether they fear Him and/or will obey Him. Gen. 22:1, 12, 16; Ex. 15:25; 16:4; Ex. 20:20; Deut. 8:2, 6; 13:1-4; Judg. 2:22; 3:1, 4; 1 Chr. 29:17; 2 Chr. 32:31; Job 23:10; Ps. 7:9; 11:4-5; 17:3; 26:2; 139:23; Prov. 17:3; Jer. 6:27; 11:20; 12:3; 17:10; 20:12; Heb. 11:17-19
  - **God's testing is "to do good for you in the end."** Deut. 8:16; Ps. 105:19-24; Rom. 5:4; 2 Cor. 9:13; James 1:2-4, 12; 1 Pet. 1:6; Rev. 2:10
    - God's testing is training, discipline. Deut. 8:2-5 (like a father does for his son); Judg. 3:1-2; Job 34:36; Ps. 105:19-24; Ezek. 21:13; John 6:6 (Jesus tests the disciples, already knowing what He was going to do)
    - God's testing strengthens people's character. Rom. 5:4; James. 1:2-4, 12; 1 Pet. 1:6-7
    - Proven, tested, ministry brings glory to God and confidence from others. 2 Cor. 9:13; 13:3, 5-6; Phil. 2:22; 1 Th. 2:4; 1 Tim. 3:10; 1 Pet. 1:6; 4:12
    - God tests people to help them, convince them, to be dependent on Him. Deut. 8:2-3, 16-17; 13:2-4; Judg. 7:2-7
    - God will test our works to see if they have eternal value. 1 Cor. 3:13

- God tests people to give them self-knowledge. Eccl. 3:18
  - People don't know their own hearts. God tests them and reveals what is in them. Jer. 17:9-10
- God tests people to humble them. Deut. 8:2, 16
- God's testing is purification.
  - Various Hebrew words translated as "testing" are also used for silversmith, goldsmith. Judg. 17:3; Neh. 3:8, 32; Is. 1:25; 40:19; 41:7; 46:6; Jer. 10:9, 14; 51:17
  - God's test of a person might result in their character being seen as "gold." Job 23:10
  - Sometimes testing of people is compared to refining gold or silver. Job 23:10; Ps. 66:10; Prov. 17:3; 27:21; Is. 48:10; Jer. 6:27, 29; 9:7; Zech. 13:9; Mal. 3:3
  - God himself is like the "refiner's fire" and "fullers' soap." Mal. 3:2
- Self-discipline helps us pass God's tests. 1 Cor. 9:27
- **What are God's tests?**
  - God's testing is often challenging and difficult. It often seems to bring people to the end of themselves. Ex. 20:20; Deut. 8:2-3; 13:1-3; Judg. 3:2; Job 7:18; Ps. 66:10-12; 105:19; Is. 48:10 ("furnace of affliction"); Matt. 4:2; Luke 4:2; 2 Cor. 8:2; Rev. 2:10
  - God allows things to happen, often things that he doesn't like or wouldn't normally do, in order to test his people. Deut. 13:1-5; Judg. 2:22-23; 2 Chr. 32:31; Ps. 66:10-12; Is. 48:10; 1 Pet. 4:12-19; Rev. 2:10
  - God's provision can actually be the test. Ex. 16:4
  - God uses the devil to test his people. Rev. 2:10
- **God provides solutions for, relief within and from, the testing.** Gen. 22:13-14; Ex. 15:25; Deut. 8:2-4, 15-16; Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; Luke 4:4, 8, 12; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 3:10
  - Jesus exempted the church at Philadelphia from testing because they had already persevered under duress. Rev. 3:10
  - Jesus instructs his followers to ask the Lord not to test them or allow them to be tested. Matt. 6:13//Luke 11:4; Matt 26:41//Mark 14:38//Luke 22:40, 46
- **People ask the Lord to test them.** Ps. 26:2; Ps. 139:23
  - David asks God to test his mind & heart in order to receive vindication. Ps. 26:2
  - David asks the Lord to test him to know his anxious thoughts, hurtful ways, so God can lead him in the right ways. Ps. 139:23
- **Jesus was tested by God.** Matt. 4:1; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1; Heb. 2:18; 4:15
  - God used the devil to perform His test on Jesus. Matt. 4:1-2; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-2
  - Jesus' testing seemed to be primarily related to his identity. Matt. 4:3, 6, 8; Luke 4:3, 7, 9
  - Because Jesus was tempted/tested he can come to the aid of others who are tempted. Heb. 2:18; 4:15
  - The disciples stood by Jesus during his testing/trials. Luke 22:28
- **God tests the very promises he makes to us.** Gen. 22:1-2; Heb. 11:17-19
  - God's testing seems to precede the fulfillment of his promise. Gen. 22:16-18; Heb. 11:17-19

- **Testing/temptation can lead to falling away from God.** Luke 8:13; Matt 26:41//Mark 14:38//Luke 22:40, 46; 2 Tim. 3:8
- **God will eventually test the whole world.** This testing seems to be related to final judgment. Rev. 3:10
- **People test the Lord.** Ex. 17:2, 7; Num. 14:22; Deut. 6:16; Judg. 6:39; Ps. 78:18, 41, 56; 95:9; 106:14; Is. 7:12-13; Mal. 3:10, 15; Matt. 16:1//Mark 8:11//Luke 11:16; Matt. 19:3//Mark 10:2; Matt. 22:18//Mark 12:15; Matt. 22:35//Luke 10:25; John 8:6; Acts 5:9; 15:10; 1 Cor. 10:9; Heb. 3:8-9
  - **It's generally not good to test God.** Acts 15:10; 1 Cor. 10:9
    - Israel is commanded not to put the Lord to the test. Deut. 6:16
    - Israel's continued complaining about God's provision/faithfulness tested the Lord. Ex. 17:2, 7; Num. 14:22; Deut. 6:16; Ps. 78:18, 41; Heb. 3:8-9
    - Doers of wickedness test God. Mal. 3:15
    - Religious leaders tested Jesus. He usually refused to respond the way they wanted him to. At times he became angry with them. Matt. 16:1//Mark 8:11//Luke 11:16; Matt. 19:3//Mark 10:2; Matt. 22:18//Mark 12:15; Matt. 22:35//Luke 10:25; John 8:6
    - Result of testing the Lord was his anger and punishment. Ps. 78:18-33, 40, 56-64; 106:14-15; Acts 5:9; 1 Cor. 10:9
    - Result of repeated testing of the Lord was prevention from entering the promised land. Num. 14:22; Ps. 95:9-11
  - **Some testing of God is OK.**
    - Gideon humbly tested the Lord to get clear direction from Him. Judg. 6:39
    - God invites his people to test him to see if he will provide for them when they give Him their tithe. Mal. 3:10
- **People test people.** Gen. 42:15-16
  - Praise from others is a test. Prov. 27:21
  - Joseph tested his brothers to see if they were telling the truth. Gen. 42:15-16
  - The queen of Sheba tested Solomon with difficult questions. 1 Kings 10:1; 2 Chr. 9:1
  - God used Jeremiah and his words as a means of testing His people. Jer. 6:27
  - Daniel asked his masters to test him over his diet. Dan. 1:12, 14
  - Paul suffered trials/tests from other people. Acts 20:19
  - Paul tested the church
    - Paul tested the Corinthians to see if they would be obedient, to see the sincerity of their love. 2 Cor. 2:9; 8:8
    - Paul tested one of the brothers to see if he would lead diligently. 2 Cor. 8:22
    - Paul says to test potential deacons before they become a leader. 1 Tim. 3:10
  - The Ephesian church put false apostles to the test to expose them. Rev. 2:2
- **People test themselves.**
  - Solomon tested himself. Eccl. 2:1
  - Paul encourages believers to test/examine themselves. 1 Cor. 11:28; 2 Cor. 13:5,
- **Miscellaneous testing**
  - Test for truth

- Paul tells the Thessalonians to test everything carefully to know the difference between good and evil. 1 Th. 5:21
- John tells his readers to “test the spirits” to see if they are from God. 1 John 4:1
- God’s word is “tested,” meaning that it is proven, reliable. 2 Sam. 22:31; Ps. 12:6; Ps. 119:140
  - Jesus’ way through his testing was the word of God. Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; Luke 4:4, 8, 12
- Solomon tested life’s experiences with wisdom to try and make sense of it all. Eccl. 7:23
- The ear “tests” words to understand them. Job 12:11; 34:3
- David tested Saul’s armor. 1 Sam. 17:39
- The stone laid in Zion is a tested stone. Is. 28:16