

Philadelphia

TESTING, TRIBULATION, REWARDS

1. Summarizing many studies that will conclude with an overview of the whole;

- a. So we are going to summarize the christian process through examples from God's instruction manual, That will conclude with a favorable evaluation at the judgment seat of Christ.

When God created man, He did not create him to be independent from God; but to be independent under the guidelines of the creators wisdom/predetermined plan; which was for the best possible enjoyment of man's existence.

So then God began to instruct Adam, whom God gave complete freedom of choice.

The first major and primary point of instruction was in the lesson of the tree in the garden:

Genesis 2:9 (NASB95)
9 Out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Authority orientation.

It would be absolutely necessary for man to choose to humble himself and submit to God's authority. He was orienting them to His authority.

When God said that man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and become one flesh;

he did not say become independent from the whole.

But the intent was that they should become an independent micro part of the whole, or all the living members of the family; which would include the living previous generations.

Example 01

Deuteronomy 5:5-8 (NKJV)

1 These are the commandments, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess,
2 that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.
3 Therefore hear, O Israel: and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you: in a land flowing with milk and honey.
4 When I loved the Lord our God, the Lord is one!
5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.
6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.
7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.
8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Another example is: Naomi Ruth and Boaz

Example 02

Timothy's heritage

2 Timothy 1:4 (NASB95)
4 For I am mindful of the sincere faith which you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.

God never intended the family to be a father and mother and children, independent from the whole. Which would include grandparents and other biblically determined, and doctrinally seasoned senior family members.

As God has designed, it is these doctrinally seasoned senior members of the family; who through their Godly knowledge, Will be an invaluable benefit to their children and children's children as they're growing up even into their teenage years.....

So be wise for your children's sake, and give them the best opportunity to enjoy the godly benefits from the seasoned senior Family members, as late into their teenage years and their 20s if God permits.

Our goal is not to obtain as much of this world as possible before settling in to our Family responsibilities

One of our key testimony verbiage

2 Corinthians 5:3-11 (NKJV)

9 Therefore **we make it our aim**, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.
10 For **we** must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

11 Knowing, therefore, the **terror** of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

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fear, awe = profound respect and awe for deity
= reverence, awe.
There's not a fearful terror of being cast in hell, for not performing God's Commandments

2. A quick overview reading:

- a. **Revelation 2:2-13 (NASB95)**
2 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this:
3 I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name.
4 Behold, I will close those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie--I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.
5 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.
6 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.
7 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.
8 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

3. Jesus Christ is saying to the church at Philadelphia:

- a. **Revelation 3:8 (NASB95)**
8 Behold, I will close those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie--I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.
9 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

In addition to this,

there is another promise given to the church at Philadelphia:

Revelation 3:10 (NASB95)

10 Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

TESTING

4. Christ's sudden return:

- a. **Revelation 3:11 (NASB95)**
11 I am coming quickly hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

The sudden return is consistently connected with our doctrinal accomplishments for the day of our evaluation

This word for "quickly" is not a word for proximity in time, but is used consistently throughout the book of Revelation to indicate the rapidity of the event.

This is in contrast to His first coming, where there were many signs to indicate it was coming.

There will not be time to straighten up and change things, and to get things in order in our spiritual life. And thus because we are not going to know it is coming, until it happens in the twinkling of an eye.

It is going to be very rapid, and all of a sudden we'll be in the presence of the Lord.

With abundant clarity the Lord wants to get our attention:

1. Focus on what's ahead of us what is the result of our obedience,
2. And the future evaluation, specifically the accountability at the judgment seat of Christ.

We need to live each day as if it's our last, each hour as if the Lord might appear before that hour is over with.

All of this terminology is rich with eschatological meaning.

eschatology [ˌɛskəˈtɒlədʒi] noun
the part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind.

Revelation 11:14 (NASB95)

14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is **coming quickly**.

Revelation 22:7 (NASB95)

7 And behold, I am **coming quickly**; blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:12 (NASB95)

12 Behold, I am **coming quickly**, and my reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

Revelation 22:20 (NASB95)

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am **coming quickly**." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

5. Returning two verse 10

- a. **Revelation 3:10 (NKJV)**
10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

hour of trial which shall come
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points of time consisting of seasons for particular events--time, occasion, a literal hour or a period of time, a season, a definite space or division of time which occurs at fixed intervals and it is used figuratively for a general period of time.

God does not **test** us to prove what Great failures we are.

But rather to test the quality of doctrine in our souls. So that we can demonstrate what we have learned, and be a testimony to the world around us; two family members and acquaintances.

Have you allowed specific doctrine Time in your meditation so that it transformed the way you think? And you are now living it out effectively in the midst of difficulties.

Part of testing is to show or give evidence of what has transpired in our soul, to show and demonstrate our dependence upon God.

Our dependence on God is always through specific sound doctrine.

We don't trust God biblically, apart from knowledge about truth.

We don't just say I'm going to trust God, without something specific to trust in

God demonstrates in answer to Satan's rebellion; through the creation of man, that His intelligent creatures are completely dependent on Him. And that they cannot exist without Him. Men cannot live independent from the creator.

So God created man to demonstrate these truths before the angels and all His intelligent creatures that could not be learned any other way, other than through this live experiment.

An experiment is not something you do in a laboratory to see what will happen, it is something you do to demonstrate known truth.

Each one of our lives is a vital part of God's predetermined plan, to demonstrate in the legal court of heaven, His perfect righteous and just judgments against all who rebel and choose to go independent from God.

And the smallest of innocuous acts done independent from God, rips the fabric of the universe, spiraling downward to complete and total destruction and death.

Psalms 89:14 (NKJV)

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

So we submit to your authority obediently, diligently with the record in mind

Revelation 3:11 (NASB95)

11 I am coming quickly hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.