

The Testing of Our Heart

Judges Pt 03

Jdg 3:1-4 NLT These are the nations that the LORD left in the land **to test those Israelites who had not experienced the wars** of Canaan. 2 He did this **to teach warfare** to generations of Israelites who had no experience in battle. 3 These are the nations: the Philistines (those living under the five Philistine rulers), all the Canaanites,

the Sidonians, and the Hivites living in the mountains of Lebanon from Mount Baal-hermon to Lebo-hamath. 4 These people were left to test the Israelites—to see whether they would obey the commands the LORD had given to their ancestors through Moses

Exo 15:3 The **Lord is a man of war**; the Lord is his name.

Psa 144:1 Blessed be the Lord, my rock, **who trains my hands for war**, and my fingers for battle.

Rom 8:13 ESV For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you **put to death the deeds of the body**, you will live.

2Co 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we are **not waging war according to the flesh**. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to **destroy strongholds**. 5 We **destroy arguments** and every **lofty opinion** raised **against the knowledge of God**, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

1Pe 5:8-9 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your **adversary the devil** prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking **someone to devour**. 9 **Resist him**, firm in your faith...

Deu 8:2-3 NLT Remember how the LORD your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and **testing you to prove your character**, and to find out whether or not you would **obey his commands**.

3 Yes, he **humbled** you by **letting you go hungry** and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it **to teach you** that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Rom 5:3–5 Not only that, but we **rejoice in our sufferings**, knowing that suffering **produces** endurance, and endurance **produces** character, and character **produces** hope, and hope does not put us to shame.

Jam 1:2–4 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet **trials** of various kinds, for you know that the **testing of your faith produces steadfastness.**

Matthew 11:12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

Intense opposition and intense pursuit

1Ti 6:12 **Fight** the good fight of the faith...

2Ti 4:7 I have **fought** the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.