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Why does God try us?

Read Through The Bible

New Testament Plan

Acts 21-22

1 Year Plan

Isaiah 59-60

Text: Deuteronomy 8:2

When Israel was in the wilderness, God said He led them “to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart”. Many times, we don’t even know what is wrong with us. After giving our lives to Christ, we can feel like we are fine and okay, until the Lord arranges situations around us that show us we are not.

God wants to uncover every strain of sin in our members. What looks like ambition on the surface might actually be covetousness underneath. We see this with the two brothers in Luke 12. Their father had just died, and inheritance was at stake. One of the brothers came to Jesus asking Him to settle the matter between them. But Jesus told him, “Beware of covetousness.” Now they had a choice; they could go back and keep dragging with each other, nursing offenses, insisting on their share; Or they could take what had just been uncovered and cry out to the Lord about it, obeying the instructions that would rid them of that very covetousness.

God exposing our darkness does not mean He is unkind to us. We must not hide our sin or hide from the Lord. We should be open to being tested, proven, and coming under the light of God’s word. Scripture says “the word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the dividing of soul and spirit, and discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart”; It checks, and checks again.

Consider a man who looks like a giver: generous, always contributing. But underneath, he is giving to buy affection, gain advantage, and to be seen. Many would call him generous, but when the Lord blesses that man with abundance, He is proving his heart with those very resources. Without the test, the man might never know that what looked like generosity was actually self-interest. With the test, he can see it, and he can cry out to the Lord for a real work of grace.

So beloved, God does not prove us out of malice, He proves us to x-ray everything called sin in us, and to save us.

Further reading: Jeremiah 17:9-10 Luke 12:13-15

Prayers:

Lord, search me and prove me until every part of me is fully surrendered to You.

Confession:

I will obey the commandments that the Lord gives me in the moments when He proves me and exposes my darkness.

Song suggestion: Search my heart - Hillsong