



CAPITOL COMMISSION

Understanding Trials: Lesson 5

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*Job 23:10 "But he knoweth the way that I take:
when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."
(Emphasis added)*

*James 1:2 "My brethren, count it all joy when ye
fall into divers temptations;"*

Count it all Joy - cheerfulness, that is, calm delight¹

Joy is a supernatural delight in the **person, purpose,**
and **people** of God.²

- 1) Joy comes from **God**. You don't have it in
yourself to be joyful.

*Psalm 51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.*

- 2) Expect **suffering**.

*2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in
Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*

- 3) You need your faith tested for **strength** and
authenticity.

*1 Peter 1:7-8 That the trial of your faith, being much
more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be
tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour
and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom
having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him
not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and
full of glory:*

- 4) Suffering is only for a **season**.

*Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing:
for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

Professing salvation is not necessarily proof – ‘the
proof is in the pudding’ or testing.

Defection is proof of a false profession.

*Matthew 13:3-8 And he spake many things unto them in
parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he
sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and
devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had
not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had
no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were
scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And
some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked
them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit,
some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.*

¹ Strong's Hebrew Greek Dictionary

² James MacDonald

BIBLE STUDIES

CHAPEL SERVICES: THURSDAY @ 12:10-12:35 P.M.
STAFF/LOBBYIST BIBLE STUDY: FRIDAY @ 12:30 P.M., CHAPEL ROOM