



# WHERE DO TRIALS COME FROM?

(Acts 14:22; James 1:2; I Thessalonians 3:3,4)

## Acts 14:22 (NKJV)

<sup>22</sup> strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, “We must through **many tribulations** enter the kingdom of God.”

## James 1:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into **various trials**,

## I Thessalonians 3:3,4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> that no one should be shaken by these **afflictions**; for you yourselves know that we are **appointed** to this. <sup>4</sup> For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we **would suffer tribulation**, just as it happened, and you know.

*Message: Trials come into on lives  
from various sources.*

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## I. ***SOME TRIALS COME FROM OWN DOING***

*(Galatians 6:7)*

### **Galatians 6:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;  
for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

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## II. **SOME TRIALS COME FROM GOD HIMSELF** (2

*Corinthians 12:7-9*)

### 2 Corinthians 12:7-9(NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to <sup>[a]</sup>buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup> Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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### **JOB 1:1-5 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil. <sup>2</sup> And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. <sup>3</sup> Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East. <sup>4</sup> And his sons would go and feast *in their* houses, each on his *appointed* day, and would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. <sup>5</sup> So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings *according to* the number of them all. For Job said, “It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did regularly.

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## III. **SOME TRIALS COME FROM SATAN** (JOB 1:1-12; JOB 2:1-7)

### JOB 1:6-12 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” <sup>8</sup> Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” <sup>9</sup> So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Does Job fear God for nothing? <sup>10</sup> Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!” <sup>12</sup> And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has *is* in your power; only do not lay a hand on his *person*.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

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## **III. SOME TRIALS COME FROM SATAN** (JOB 1:1-12; JOB 2:1-7)

### **JOB 2: 1-7(NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord. <sup>2</sup> And the Lord said to Satan, “From where do you come?” Satan answered the Lord and said, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.” <sup>3</sup> Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that *there is* none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil? And still he holds fast to his integrity, although you incited Me against him, to destroy him without cause.” <sup>4</sup> So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. <sup>5</sup> But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will surely curse You to Your face!” <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he *is* in your hand, but spare his life.” <sup>7</sup> So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

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## IV. ***TRIALS COME FROM THIS WORLD*** (*John 16:33*)

### **John 16:33 (NKJV)**

<sup>33</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."