

*"Knowing this, that The Trying Of Your Faith worketh patience."*  
James 1:3 KJV

Tested faith begets patience: A patience that knows God and calmly trusts His faithfulness in spite of chaotic circumstances. It is the trying of your faith by adverse circumstances which refines and increases your trust in the promises of God's Word, because you have waited on the Lord and found Him faithful to His Word. God never is before HIS time and never is behind, but it is ALWAYS His timing not ours, and the more we learn about God's ways, the more we are willing to obediently and patiently wait for His provision: But only because we have dared to prove God and found Him ALWAYS faithful and true!



The trying of your faith encompasses all spectrums of earthly life. From the time we are born until the Lord calls us Home, we face sorrow and pain. The difference for believers is faith and their faithful God. When we trust Him wholly, we'll find Him wholly true. *"No good thing will He withhold from them which walk uprightly (obediently)." Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus. "IF ye know these things, HAPPY are ye IF ye DO them."* Waiting on God is the "doing" faith. *"Behold, I go forward, but He is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive Him: On the left hand, where He doth work, but I cannot behold Him: He hideth Himself on the right hand, that I cannot see Him: But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."* For each time gold is melted the purer it becomes!

The gold of faith, tried and refined,  
Doth purify until it shines,  
Before all men to show the way,  
To Heaven's bright and glorious Day. —CGP

The fires of circumstance purify our faith if we learn to trustingly wait on the Lord. Jesus said, *"Ye believe in God, believe also in Me."* If we believe God saved us and is preparing a place for us, why can we not trust Him with our daily needs? Is it because we harbor sins of which we are unwilling to repent? *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me."* What sin is keeping you from God's provision?

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the Way Everlasting."* Psalms 139:23-24 KJV