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“**E**phesians 4:11 -
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Flight **S**imulator

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Test

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James 1:2

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds.

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The Greek word translated
“trial” is “Peinasmois”
meaning - to try something
so as to know it’s worth, a
proving through adversity,
afflictions, or troubles.

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Thessalonians 3:3

“no one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this.”

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Romans 8:17

“and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

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1 **P**eter 4:19

“Therefore let those who according to the will of God commit their souls so Him in doing good as to a faithful Creator”.

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Testings originate in the mind and will of God to expose our weaknesses and deliver us from those things that hide deep within our character, that could harm or even destroy us.

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Deuteronomy 8:2

“And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.”

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Deuteronomy 13:3

“You shall not listen to the words that prophet or that dreamer of dreams , for the Lord you God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

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2 **C**hronicles 32:31

“However, regarding the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was done in the land, God withdrew, from him, in order to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.”

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Psalm 7:9

“Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; for the righteous God *tests* the hearts and minds.”

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1 **P**eter 4:12

“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you.

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2 **C**orinthians 3:12-14

“Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned he will suffer loss,; but he himself will be saved.”

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1 Peter 1:6-8

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise honour, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.”

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Joseph's *S*tory

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God may not initiate all our trials, but by the time they reach us, they are in God's hand to use for our good.

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Load limit

The Character Test

Definition –

You are surrounded by ungodliness, that attempts to pull you in its direction.

You may be tempted to sin in the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, or the pride of life.

Purpose –

The Character Test shows the individual the areas of weakness in his own personality. An area of need usually surfaces, where he must allow God to work.

Biblical Illustration – Samuel (1Samuel 2-3)

The Wilderness Test

Definition –

God directly or indirectly leads the you into a materially and/or spiritually dry and desolate place.

Purpose –

The Wilderness Test increases your appreciation for the good things that God has already put in your life.

This test teaches you to discern whether the Lord alone sustains your spiritual life or if you draw your worth and value from your position, possessions and relationships.

The Wilderness Test motivates you to seek the Lord in a consistent life of prayer and the Word to find the most genuine and fruitful source of strength – God Himself.

Biblical Illustration – Moses (Exodus 2-3)

The Frustration Test

Definition –

You undergo the Frustration Test when you feel that your immediate and life goals cannot be achieved.

People or circumstances may prevent you from gratifying your conscious or unconscious plans and desires.

Purpose –

The frustration test causes you to re-examine your priorities .

Biblical Illustration – Paul (2 Corinthians 11)