

Passing the Test
Exodus 17:1-7

I. Testing God

Exodus 17:7

He named the place Massah [in English
“Testing”] and Meribah [in English,
“Quarreling” or “Grumbling”] because the
Israelites complained, and because they
tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among
us or not? ”

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us shout joyfully to the Lord, shout triumphantly to the rock of our salvation! Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout triumphantly to Him in song

For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods. The depths of the earth are in His hand, and the mountain peaks are His. The sea is His; He made it. His hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the sheep under His care

II. Testing Us

Exodus 17:1 “according to the commandment
of the LORD”

1. Enables you to see your sin

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I brought you out for a relationship with me,
“that they may serve me [even in] the
wilderness.” (7:16) “I bore you on eagles’
wings and brought you to myself.” (19:4)

2. Enables you (and sometimes others) to see your growth

3. Enables you to see your story

Consider it a great joy, my brothers,
whenever you experience various trials,
knowing that the testing of your faith
produces endurance. But endurance must
do its complete work, so that you may be
mature and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:2-5

4. Enables you to see Jesus

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Anti-Philippians 4:6-7:

“Be anxious about everything. Don't pray, don't make requests, don't thank God. Let the chaos of the world, that surpasses all your understanding, guard your hearts and minds in prisons of fear.”

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