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1 Corinthians 10:9
(ESV)

9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents,

Hebrews 4:15
(ESV)

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been **tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter 15
Of Repentance unto Life

1. Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace, the doctrine whereof is to be preached by every minister of the gospel, as well as that of faith in Christ.

Zechariah 12:10
(ESV)

Him Whom They Have Pierced

10 “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a **spirit of grace and pleas for mercy (supplication)**, so that, **when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.**

Acts 11:18
(ESV)

18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted **repentance that leads to life.**”

Luke 24:47
(ESV)

47 and that **repentance for the forgiveness of sins** should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Mark 1:14-15
(ESV)

Jesus Begins His Ministry

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent** and believe in the gospel.”

Acts 20:20-21
(ESV)

20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,

21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Chapter 17
Of the Perseverance of the Saints.

3. Nevertheless they may, through the **temptations** of Satan and of the world, the prevalency of corruption remaining in them, and the neglect of the means of their preservation, fall into grievous sins; and for a time continue therein: whereby they incur God’s displeasure, and grieve his Holy Spirit; come to be deprived of some measure of their graces and comforts; have their hearts hardened, and their consciences wounded; hurt and scandalize others, and bring temporal judgments upon themselves.

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Chapter 18
Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation.

4. True believers may have the assurance of their salvation divers ways **shaken, diminished, and intermitted**; as, **by negligence in preserving of it; by falling into some special sin, which woundeth the conscience, and grieveth the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation**; by God’s withdrawing the light of his countenance, and suffering even such as **fear him to walk in darkness and to have no light**: yet are they **never utterly destitute of that seed of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart and conscience of duty**, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may in due time be revived, and by the which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair.

Deuteronomy 8:1-3
(ESV)

Remember the Lord Your God

1 “The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers.

2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the

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wilderness, that he might **humble you, testing you** to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Judges 2:21-23
(ESV)

21 I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died,

22 in order to **test Israel** by them, whether they will take care to walk in the way of the Lord as their fathers did, or not.”

23 So the Lord left those nations, not driving them out quickly, and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

Judges 3:1-4
(ESV)

1 Now these are the nations that the Lord left, to test Israel by them, that is, all in Israel who had not experienced all the wars in Canaan.

2 It was only in order that the generations of the people of Israel might know war, to teach war to those who had not known it before.

3 These are the nations: the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and the Hivites who lived on Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as Lebo-hamath.

4 **They were for the testing of Israel, to know whether Israel would obey the commandments of the Lord, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.**

2 Chronicles 32:26-31
(ESV)

Hezekiah's Pride and Achievements

24 In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death, and he prayed to the Lord, and he answered him and gave him a sign.

25 But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud. Therefore wrath came upon him and Judah and Jerusalem.

26 **But Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.**

27 And Hezekiah had very great riches and honor, and he made for himself treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of costly vessels;

28 storehouses also for the yield of grain, wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of cattle, and sheepfolds.

29 He likewise provided cities for himself, and flocks and herds in abundance, for God had given him very great possessions.

30 This same Hezekiah closed the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon and directed them down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

31 **And so in the matter of the envoys of the princes of Babylon, who had been sent to him to inquire about the sign that had been done in the land, God left him to himself, in order to test him and to know all that was in his heart.**

Romans 1:24
(ESV)

24 Therefore **God gave them up** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

James 1:15
(ESV)

15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

1 Corinthians 10:13
(ESV)

13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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Matthew 6:5-13

(ESV)

The Lord's Prayer

5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

7 “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

10

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

11

Give us this day our daily bread,

12

and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

John 14:15

(ESV)

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Job 42:1-6

(ESV)

Job's Confession and Repentance

1 Then Job answered the Lord and said:

2

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

3

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

4

‘Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.’

5

***I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;***

6

*therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”*

Psalm 40:1-3

(ESV)

My Help and My Deliverer

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

1

I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

[Waiting is part of the believer's portion of the dialogue with God.]

2

*He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.*

3

***He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.***

Many will see and fear;

and put their trust in the Lord.

Romans 7:19

(ESV)

19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

Psalm 51

(ESV)

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

1

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*

2

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

3

*For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.*

4

*Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,*

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*so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.*

5
*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

6
*Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.*

7
*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

8
*Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*

9
*Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.*

10
*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

11
*Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

12
*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

13
*Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.*

14
*Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.*

15
*O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.*

16
*For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.*

17
*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not
despise.*

18
*Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;*

19
*then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.*

Ephesians 6:13
(ESV)

*13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you
may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having
done all, to stand firm.*

Luke 22:28-30

(ESV)

*28 "You are those who have stayed with me in my
trials,*

*29 and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a
kingdom,*

*30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my
kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of
Israel.*

2 Corinthians 2:11

(ESV)

*11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we
are not ignorant of his designs.*

Mark 10:29-31

(ESV)

*29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who
has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father
or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,*

*30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time,
houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and
children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to
come eternal life.*

*31 But many who are first will be last, and the last
first."*

Acts 14:22

(ESV)

*22 strengthening the souls of the disciples,
encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying
that through many tribulations we must enter the
kingdom of God.*