

## Why does God allow the Devil to test us?



**G**OD PROTECTS HIS CHILDREN, but has anything bad ever happened to you since you've been saved? Has God ever let the Devil touch you in some way through an accident, affliction, mistake, or other trouble? If God is in control, why does He allow those things?

Look at what happened to Job. Did he bring his misfortune upon himself? Was it his fault? Had he sinned? No. It happened because the Devil asked God if he could test and tempt Job to see if he could break him and make him deny God's goodness. God let the Devil take away all Job's wealth, then his family, and finally his health. It was all a test—perpetrated by the Devil but allowed by God—in order to show that Job really loved God in spite of it all.

God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). He doesn't let the Devil give us more than we can take, but He does let him test our faith to see if we will flee to the Lord and quote His Word and take a stand of faith. It's one way God has of trying to keep us close to Him, constantly dependent upon Him and His protection. And when we pass the test, God delivers us, like He did Job.