

## Peirasmos ([3986](#))

Scripture Reference	Scripture Text	Significance
Matt. 6:13	'And do not lead us into <b>temptation</b> , but deliver us from evil.	Trial which might be so difficult that one is tempted to be untrue to God
Matt. 26:41	Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into <b>temptation</b> ; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."	Trial which might be so difficult that one is tempted to be untrue to God
Mark 14:38	Keep watching and praying that you may not come into <b>temptation</b> ; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."	Trial which might be so difficult that one is tempted to be untrue to God
Luke 4:13	When the devil had finished every <b>temptation</b> , he left Him until an opportune time.	Solicitation to commit evil
Luke 8:13	Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of <b>temptation</b> fall away.	Time of hardship which tempts one to fall away from God.
Luke 11:4	'And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into <b>temptation</b> ."	Time of hardship which tempts one to sin by doubting God; alternatively, solicitation to do evil. [But why would God do that?]
Luke 22:28	"You are those who have stood by Me in My <b>trials</b> ;	Hard times
Luke 22:40	When He arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into <b>temptation</b> ."	Trial which might be so difficult that one is tempted to be untrue to Jesus.
Luke 22:46	and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into <b>temptation</b> ."	Trial which might be so difficult that one is tempted to be untrue to Jesus.
Acts 20:19	serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with <b>trials</b> which came upon me through the plots of the Jews;	Hardships which carry with them the temptation to be completely demoralized and demotivated in serving Jesus
1 Cor. 10:13	No <b>temptation</b> has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the <b>temptation</b> will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.	Attractive opportunity to sin (applicable to both nouns ("temptation") and the verb <i>peiradzo</i> ( <a href="#">3985</a> ) ("to be tempted"))
Gal. 4:14	and that which was a <b>trial</b> to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself.	Temptation to view with repulsion Paul's discernible bodily limitations

1 Tim. 6:9	But those who want to get rich fall into <b>temptation</b> and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.	Temptation to fall away from Christ
Heb. 3:8	Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, As in the day of <b>trial</b> in the wilderness,	hardship which tempts one to fall away from God
James 1:2	Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various <b>trials</b> ,	difficulties which might tempt one to doubt God's faithfulness
James 1:12	Blessed is a man who perseveres under <b>trial</b> ; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.	difficulties which might tempt one to doubt God's faithfulness
1 Pet. 1:6	In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various <b>trials</b> ,	difficulties in life which cause one distress and might tempt him to doubt God's faithfulness
1 Pet. 4:12	Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your <b>testing</b> , as though some strange thing were happening to you;	a testing from God to see if the Christian will trust Him and be faithful to Him despite extreme difficulty
2 Pet. 2:9	then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from <b>temptation</b> , and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,	the temptation to live an ungodly, immoral life
Rev. 3:10	Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of <b>testing</b> , that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.	God's testing unbelieving men through great difficulties to ascertain their true [ungodly] character. (Note: "those who dwell on the earth" is code for "earth-dwellers" as opposed to those whose identity is in heaven. These are unbelievers.)

**Conclusion:** A temptation (*peirasmos*, [3986](#)), in general, is a hardship or an opportunity to do evil, either one of which might attract a person away from doing the will of God. We know from related Scripture that God never solicits anyone to do evil (James 1:13-15). Nevertheless He places obstacles in peoples' lives that draw forth their true character, whether it be good (2 Pet. 2:9) or evil (Rev. 3:10). Personally, I take this portion of Jesus' model prayer for the believer, "And do not lead us into **temptation**, but deliver us from evil," to be a request to God that He will not allow anything so difficult in our lives that we will be tempted to sin against Him.