

It is written

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1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 NKJV - (13) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

"**Common to man**" means that the trials that come upon Christians are the same as occur to all men. As we live life, we find that in most cases these trials are unavoidable. They just happen. If it happens in the world, we are part of what is going on in the world, and these things affect us unavoidably. God says that He will provide "**the way of escape**," implying that there is one right way out of each trial. There may be other optional ways, but Paul is stressing that there is "**a way**" and "**the way**." We want "**the way**," the one that God provides for us. The imagery is of an army trapped during a battle, but suddenly a mountain pass opens up before them to provide them a way out of their dilemma. This illustrates how Christians escape trials.

There is a reason for the Christian going through their trial. The trial God provides is good for us to experience. God wants to see what our reaction will be. Will he avail himself of "**a way of escape**" that he or the world might provide - or will he submit to "**the way of escape**" God makes available to us? Certainly, "**the way of escape**" will always involve the use of faith. God is testing the Christian's response to His declarations and His promises of faithfulness, and He wants to see if we will respond because God is faithful. Which way will you choose?

Jesus was tempted by the devil in **Matthew 4:11** and Jesus had one reply for the devils offers, "**It is written**." For most it is just words, for many others will say I am not Jesus (Though we are created in His image). We sin because we have a fallen nature but do not excuse the power that comes from Christ! It is based on our choice. What is His word teaching you? What answer has He given you? Satan attacks, we should say, "**It is written**." Act on it! No it won't be easy at times, but remember, Christ gave us a way of escape.

SCRIPTURE READING: **ISAIAH 55:11**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The work of **restoration** cannot begin until a problem is fully faced.

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