

Whose side are you on? Matthew 4:1-11

Psalm 139:19-20

¹⁹ O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
²⁰ those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up against you for evil!

Mark 1:12-13

the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him

Deuteronomy 8:3

*He made you go hungry, and then he gave you manna to eat, food that you and your ancestors had never eaten before. **He did this to teach you that you must not depend on bread alone to sustain you, but on everything that the LORD says.***

The Shema [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shema_Yisrael] Deuteronomy 6: 4-5

Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Psalm 91:11-12

God will put his angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands to keep you from hurting your feet on the stones.

Deuteronomy 6:11

Do not put the Lord your God to the test, as you did at Massah.

Exodus 17:7

7 He called the place Massah [test] and Meribah, [quarrel] because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Deuteronomy 6:13

Honour the Lord your God, worship only him, and make your promises in his name alone.

πειράζω peirazō 'to test/tempt'

Hebrews 2:18

And now he can help those who are tempted, because he himself was tempted and suffered.

Galatians 6:1-4

6 Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride.

James 1: 12-15

¹² Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. ¹³ No one, when tempted, should say, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵ then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Who is on the Lord's side? Hymn: www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfunlcqcBXA&ab_channel=SacredSong

See also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temptation_of_Christ and *The Screwtape Letters* by CS Lewis