

⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

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¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

—1 Peter 5:8-11 ESV

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Spiritual warfare is real, but God's power and grace are greater still.

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Superstition vs. Preoccupation

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"The hardest thing about suffering is that it can overwhelm your faith with fear and pain. It can destroy your faith that God cares, or has any power to help or even exists. That's exactly what Satan wants to happen, and that's why Peter says the lion is roaring. The roaring of the lion's jaws is the power of suffering to destroy our faith." —John Piper

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Hardship cannot be separated from . . .

The Ultimate Reality

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For we do not wrestle against
flesh and blood, but against the
rulers, against the authorities,
against the cosmic powers
over this present darkness,
against the spiritual forces of
evil in the heavenly places.

—Ephesians 6:12 ESV

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The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy. I came that
they may have life and have it
abundantly. —John 10:10 ESV

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What are some of Satan's
schemes and strategies?

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Discouragement

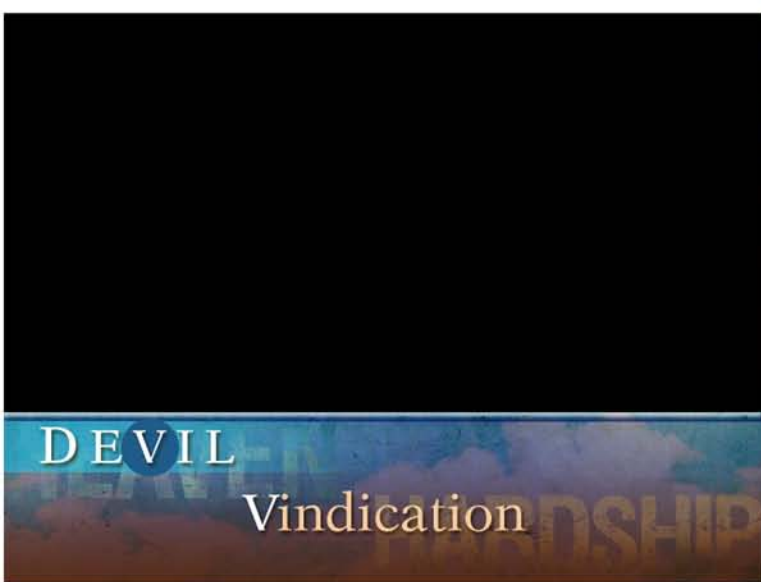
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Enticement

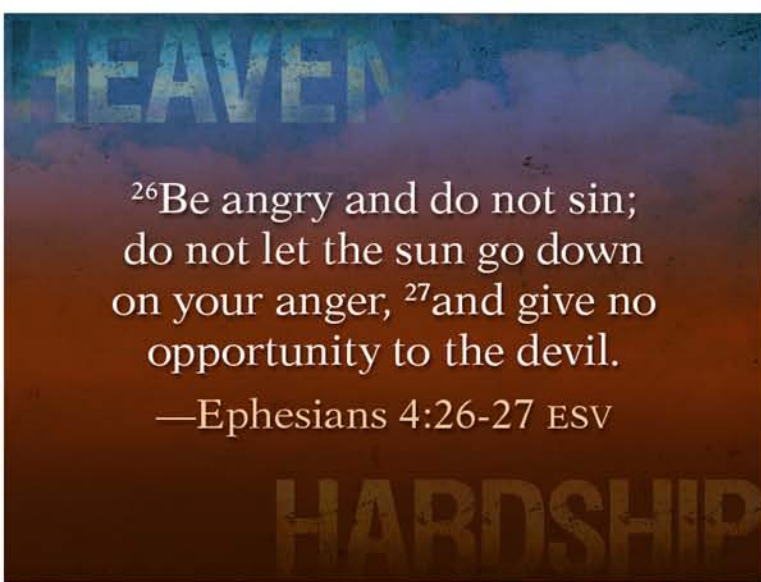
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And no wonder, for even Satan
disguises himself as an angel of light.
—2 Corinthians 11:14 ESV

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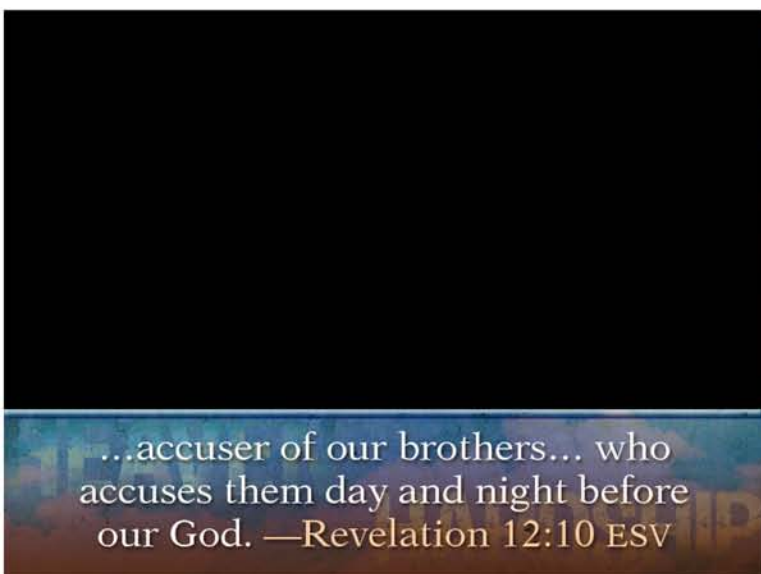
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Hardship can be overcome with . . .

The Appropriate Response

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“Resist Him”—Humility & Dependence

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“The idea is that God’s mighty hand is on the destiny of His people, if they will humbly and faithfully accept His guidance... The Christian never resents the experiences of life, and never rebels against them, because he knows that the mighty hand of God is on the ‘tiller’ of his life, and that God has a destiny for him.” —William Barclay

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“firm in faith”—Clarity & Vigilance

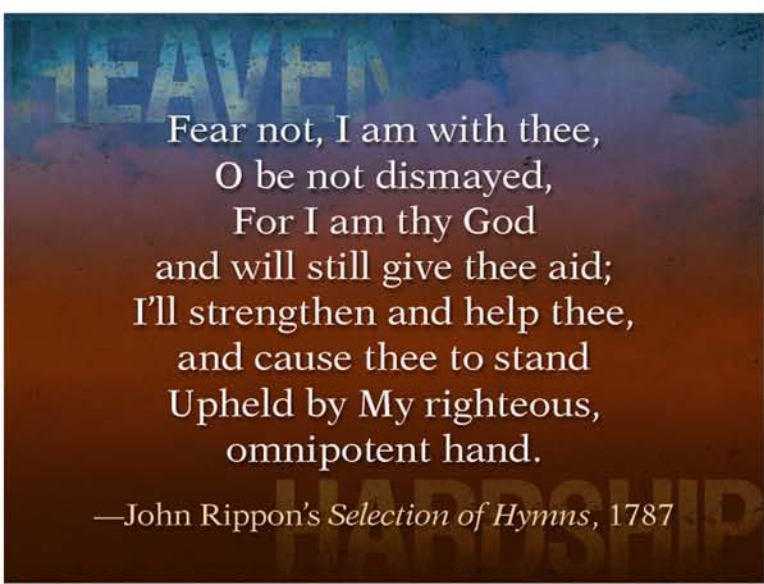
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¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.
¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil...
¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...
—Ephesians 6:10-11, 17 ESV

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How firm a foundation,
ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
in His excellent Word!
What more can He say
than to you He hath said,
You, who unto Jesus
for refuge have fled?

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Fear not, I am with thee,
O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God
and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee,
and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous,
omnipotent hand.

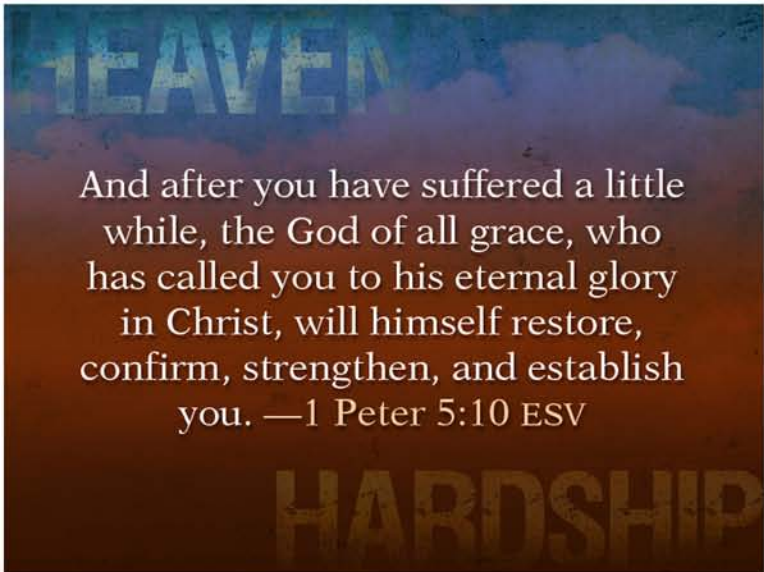
—John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

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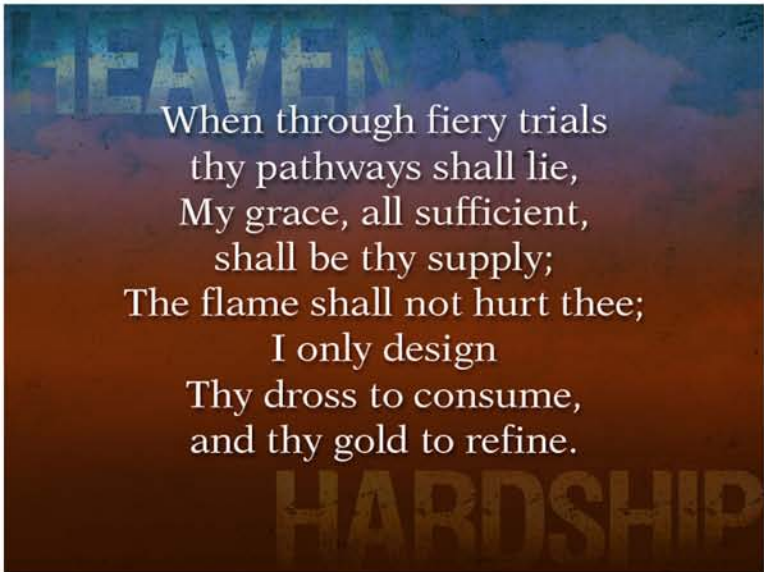
“knowing”—Security & Confidence

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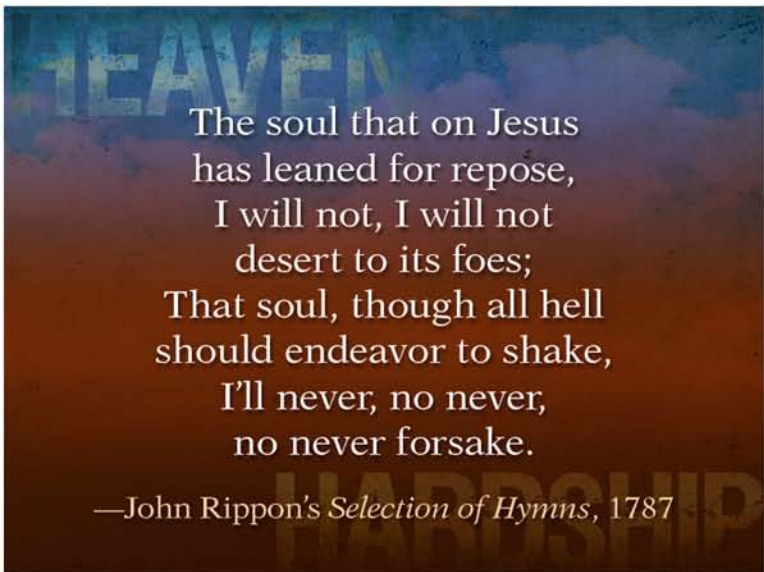
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When through fiery trials
thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient,
shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee;
I only design
Thy dross to consume,
and thy gold to refine.

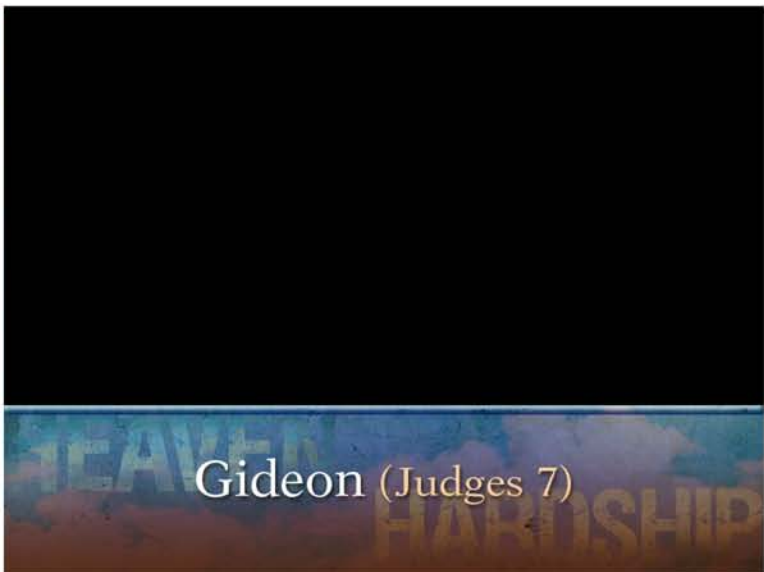
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The soul that on Jesus
has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not
desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never,
no never forsake.

—John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

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Gideon (Judges 7)

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