

IF YOU WERE IN THEIR SHOES?



- ◆ SELF EXAMINATION —
- ◆ REVEALS ATTITUDE —
- ◆ HELPS WITH COMPASSION —

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MATTHEW 23:29-36 (NKJV)

²⁹ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, ³⁰ and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' ³¹ Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.

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³² Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' *guilt*. ³³ Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? ³⁴ Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,

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³⁵ that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. ³⁶
Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

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ROMANS 15:4 (NKJV)

⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

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I CORINTHIANS 10:6,11 (NKJV)

⁶ Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. . . .¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

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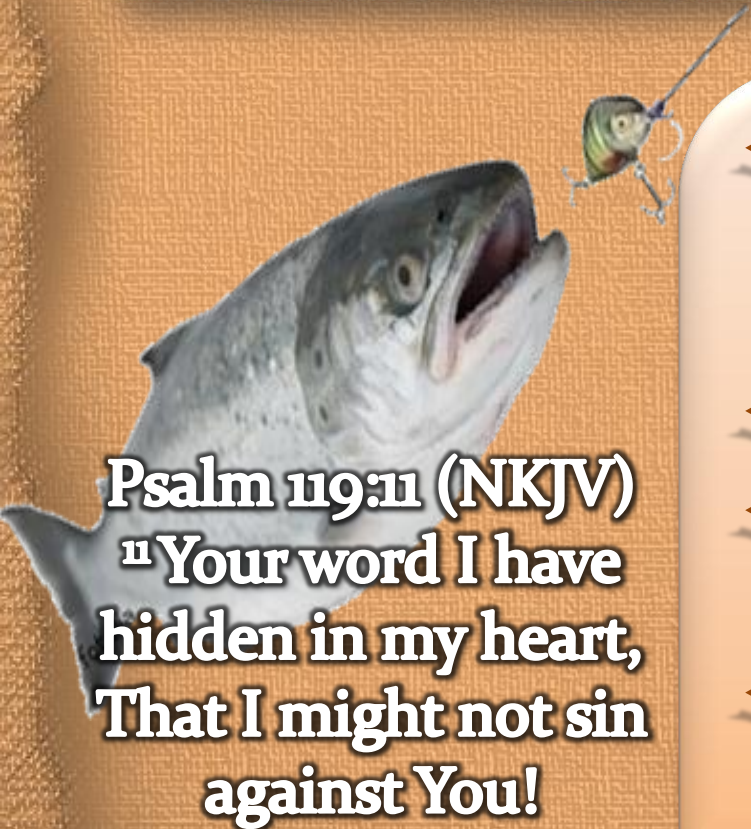


- ◆ **Adam & Eve** – Gen 3
- ◆ **Achan** – Jos. 7:20,21
- ◆ **David** – 2 Sam 11; Psalm 51
- ◆ **Ananias & Sapphira** – Acts 5:1-11
- ◆ **Joseph** – Gen 39:1-12
- ◆ **Jesus** – Mat 4:1-11; Heb 4:15

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Psalms 119:11 (NKJV)

"Your word I have
hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin
against You!

- ◆ **The avenue of temptation is still the same** – James 1:13-16; 1 John 2:15-17; (*consider examples*)
- ◆ **Same nature** - Eccl. 7:29
- ◆ **We can and should say no!!!** - 1 Cor. 10:13; James 4:7
- ◆ **Forgiveness available!!** – Rom 3:23,24; 6:1-19

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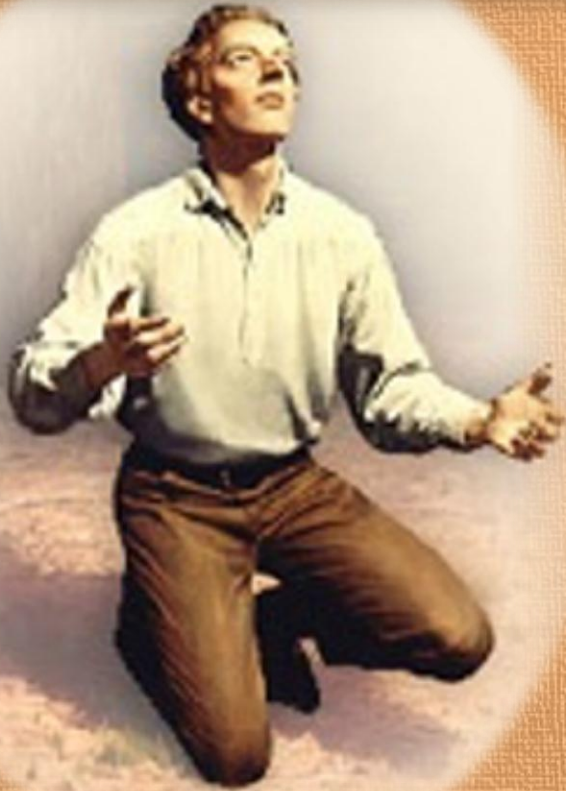


- ◆ **Job** – Jam 5:11; Job 1:13-2:10
- ◆ **Joseph** – Gen. 39,40; 50:20
- ◆ **Steven** – Acts 6:8-7:60
- ◆ **Paul** – 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; 4:8-5:8
- ◆ **Jesus** – Mat. 26:36-46; Luke 22:63-23:46; Hebrews 12:1-3

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- ♦ **Not a matter of IF but WHEN**
– James 1:1; 2 Tim 3:12
- ♦ **Understanding the purpose of trials** – James 1:2-4; Rom 5:3-5
- ♦ **Our response & perseverance depends upon our faith & hope!** – James 1:5-8; 2 Cor. 4:18; Heb 12:2

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- ◆ **Lot** – (His righteous soul was tormented day by day) 1 Peter 2:6-9
- ◆ **Israel, at the border of Canaan** – Num 13:25-14:10
- ◆ **Nehemiah** – Neh. 2:17-20; 3:6-23
- ◆ **The early church** – Acts 4:19; 5:28,29; 8:1-4; 14:22; Revelation

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- ◆ **We too live in a sinful and rebellious society –**
(worldliness, education, prosperity, false teachers, etc.)
- ◆ **We too face challenges that require faith, perseverance and the need to overcome –**
Heb 3:12-14; Rev. 21:7

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How Would You Have

RESPONDED TO GOD'S COMMANDS?



- ◆ **Abraham** - Gen. 12,17,22; Rom 4:20,21; Heb 11:17-19
- ◆ **Israel at Jericho** - Josh. 6
- ◆ **Naaman** - 2 Kings 5
- ◆ **Those who heard Peter's sermon** - Acts 2:36-42
- ◆ **Noah** - Gen. 6,7; Heb 11:7

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RESPONDED TO JESUS CHRIST?



- ◆ **Scribes and Pharisees** – John 5:38; Mat. 23:29-39
- ◆ **Those who turned from Jesus and followed Him no more** – John 6:60-66
- ◆ **The faithful** – John 6:67-69; 14:24; 20:30,31; Acts 2:42

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We Can Know By

HOW WE RESPOND TODAY



- ◆ **In times of temptation?**
- ◆ **In times of trial?**
- ◆ **When we are faced with obstacles?**
- ◆ **When we are faced with commands & instructions from God?**

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WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS TODAY?

Matthew 27:22

Acts 4:12

2 Cor. 6:2

Hebrews 5:8.9

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**WILL YOU OBEY THE
GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST —
Mat. 11:28-30; Acts 2:38; 22:16
IF YOU ARE GUILTY OF SIN —
WILL YOU CONFESS AND
REPENT? (Saul & David —
Peter & Judas Iscariot) — Acts
8:22; 1 John 1:9**

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