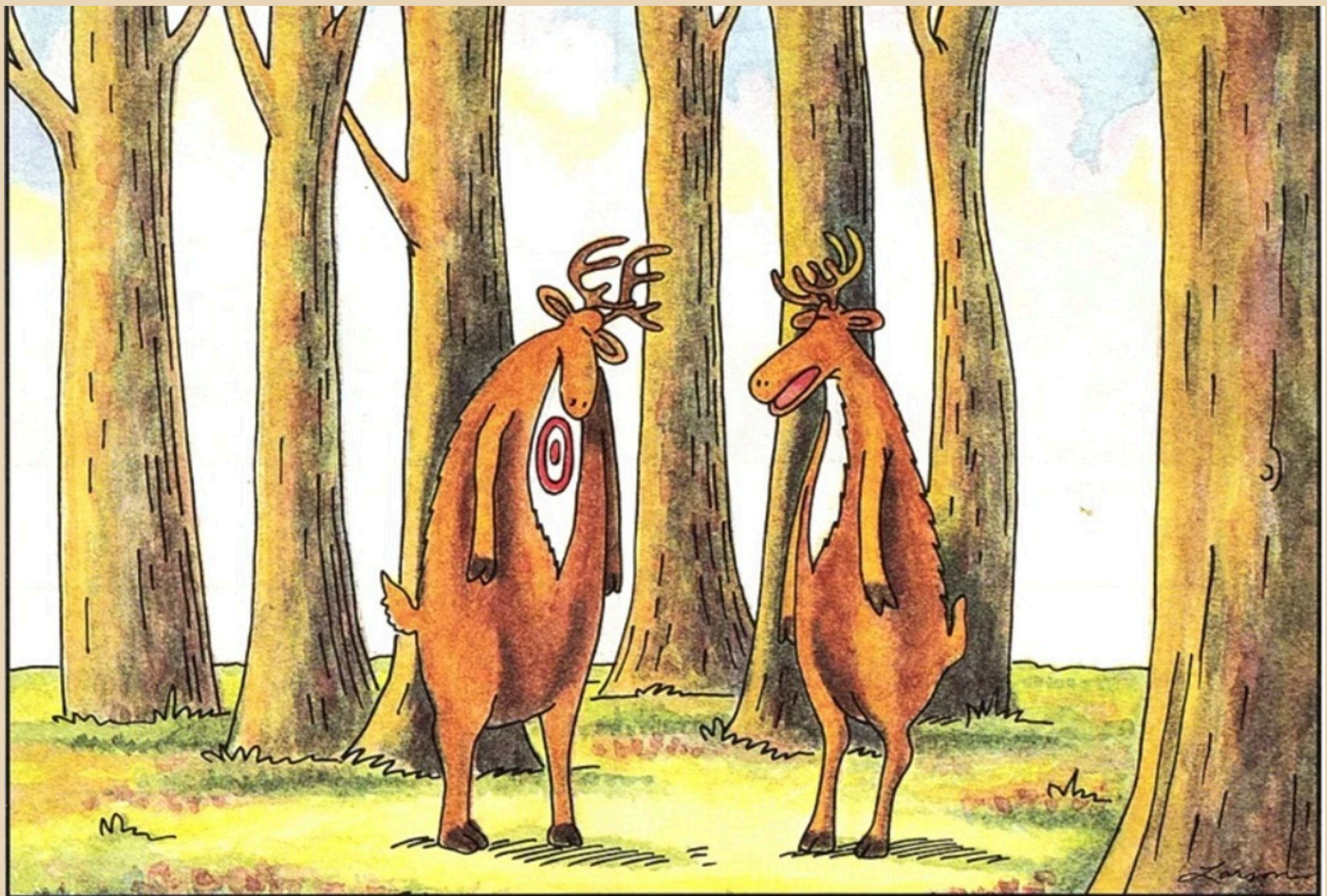


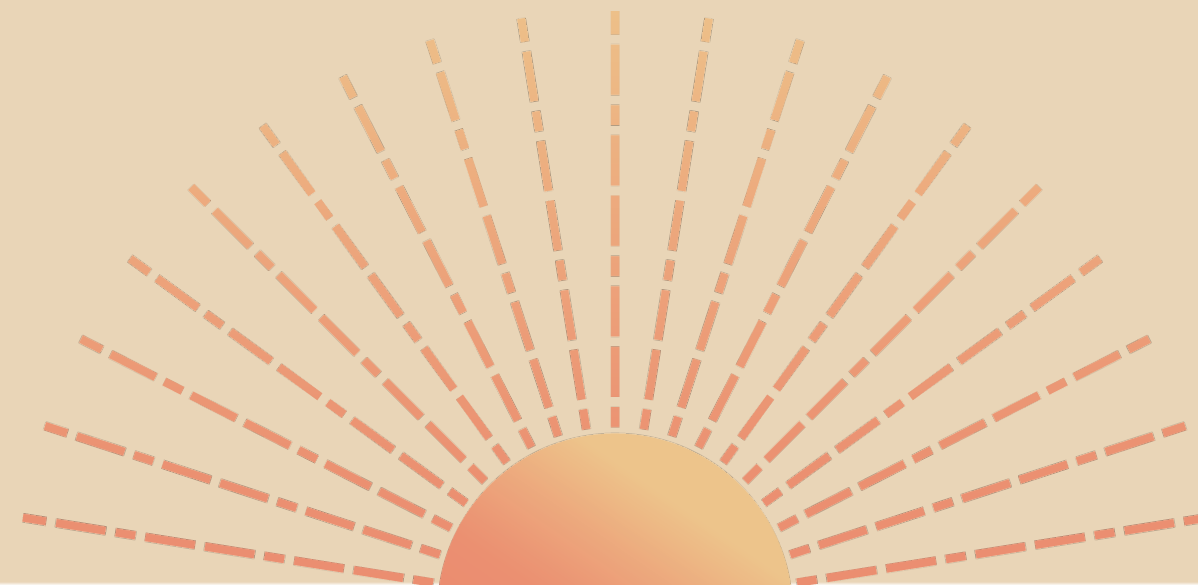




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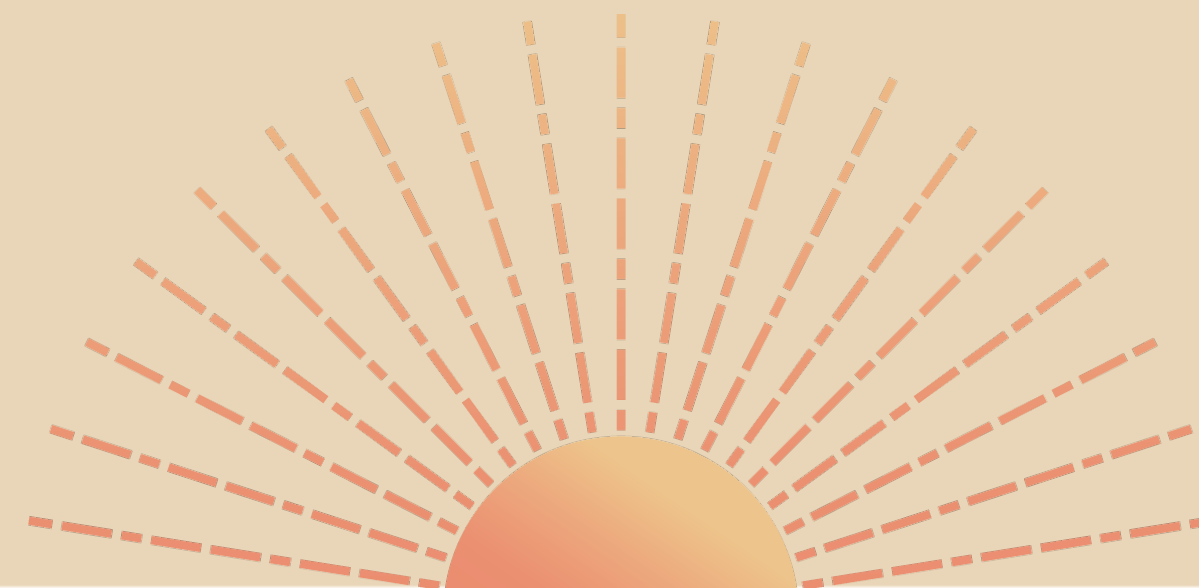
²² let us draw near to God with a
sincere heart and with the full
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HEBREWS 10:22 NIV



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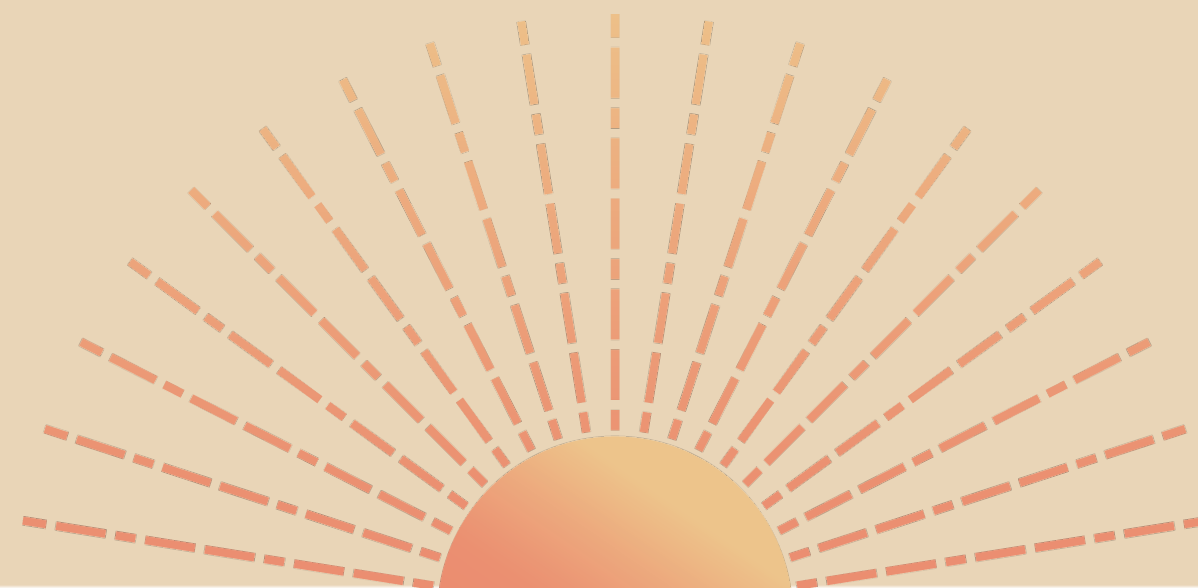
Amen



MATTHEW 6:9-13 NKJV

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MATTHEW 6:13 NKJV



“Good Intention Testing” = Testing

² Consider it nothing but joy when you fall into all sorts of **trials**, ³ because you know that the **testing** of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its perfect effect, so that you will be perfect and complete, not deficient in anything...

¹² Happy is the one who endures **testing**, because when he has proven to be genuine, he will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love him!

JAMES 1:2-4, 12 NET



Πειρασμός (peirasmos)

“Good Intention Testing” = Testing

“To try to learn the nature or character of someone or something by submitting such to thorough and extensive testing.” (Louw & Nida Greek Lexicon)

God is trying to unify, strengthen, refine, clarify, confirm, and otherwise deepen our relationship with Him, and make us partners in His divine purpose during the trial (test) for His glory and our spiritual benefit.



“Bad Intention Testing” = Temptation

¹³ Let no one say when he is ***tempted***, “I am ***tempted*** by God,” for God cannot be ***tempted*** by evil, and he himself ***tempts*** no one. ¹⁴ But each one is ***tempted*** when he is lured and enticed by his own desires.

¹⁵ Then when desire conceives, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is full grown, it gives birth to death.

JAMES 1:13-14 NET



Πειρασμός (peirasmos)

Bad Intention “Testing” = Temptation

“To endeavor or attempt to cause someone to sin, to tempt, trap to lead into temptation.”

(Louw & Nida Greek Lexicon)

Satan (and his works) are trying to defeat, separate, weaken faith, cause confusion, dampen assurance, increase sin, cause doubt & feelings of unworthiness, and otherwise break our relationship with God in the temptation to bring as many of us as possible to eternal destruction

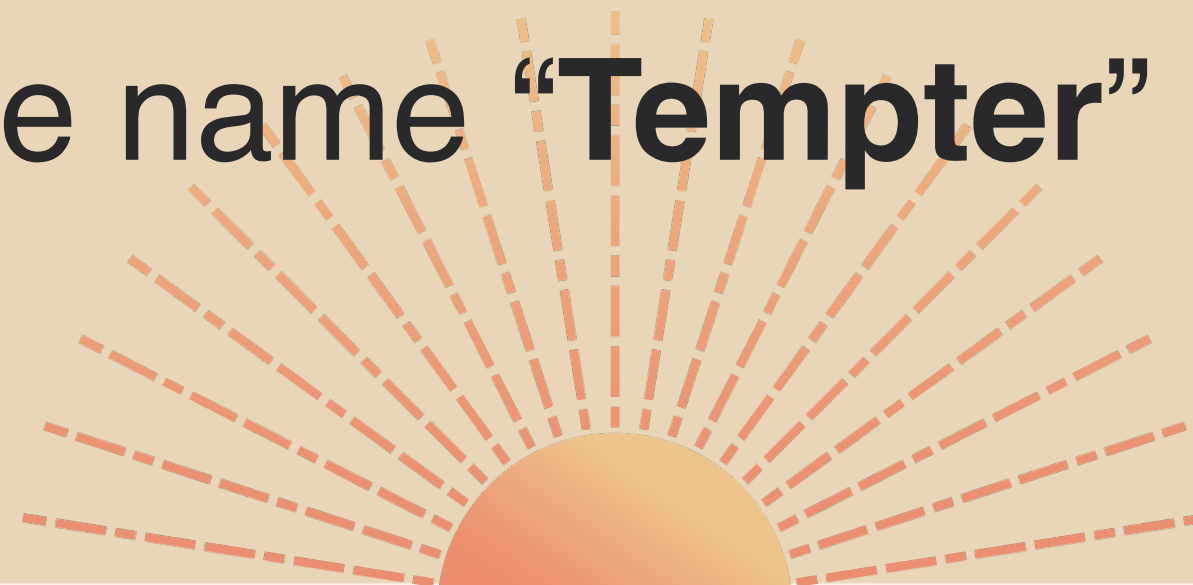


Interaction Between Three Temptation Players

The World: The evil aspect of the world is human society and system organized and opposed to God, under the power of Satan, and hostile to God's truth in all its forms.

The Flesh: The “flesh” is not just the physical body, but in specific contexts means human life lived rebelliously and independently of God, focused on self-centeredness, and follows a worldly way of thinking.

The Devil: Created high ranking angel, fell from heaven due to pride and rebellion, called the “ruler” of this present world, **PERSONAL** being. His major names/roles are “Accuser”, “Adversary”, +20 other names, relevant here is the name “**Tempter**” (Matt 4:3; 1 Thess 3:5)

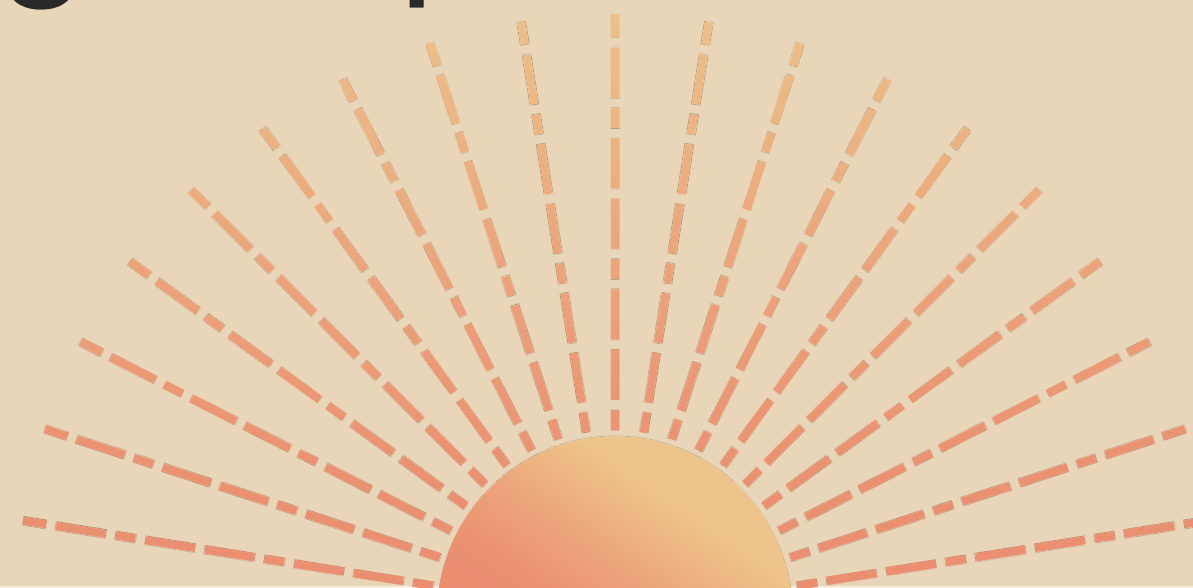


So...

¹³ And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (Matt 6:13 NRSV)

And please don't even allow/lead me to get close to situations in which I may be tempted by the Evil One to fall into sin, but much more Jesus get me out of there and his power if I'm in them!

“It's a plea for protection in the battleground of spiritual powers, avoiding times of testing/temptation to fall when we are weak”
(Heiser)



Protection from Temptation

- **Expect God's Testing & Satan's Temptations**

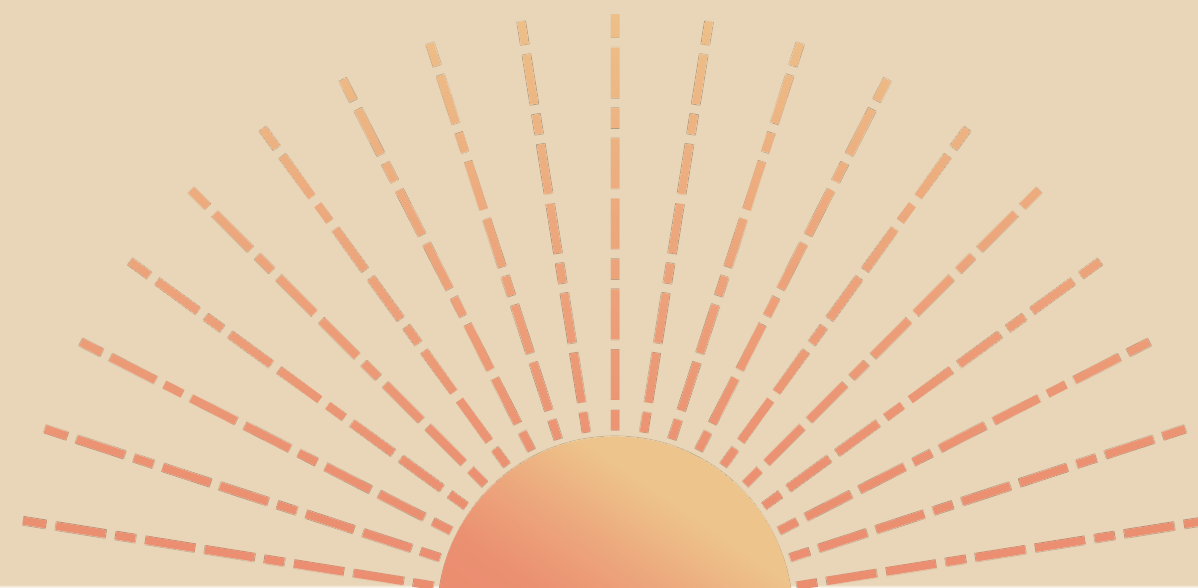
¹² Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.



1 PETER 4:12 NLT

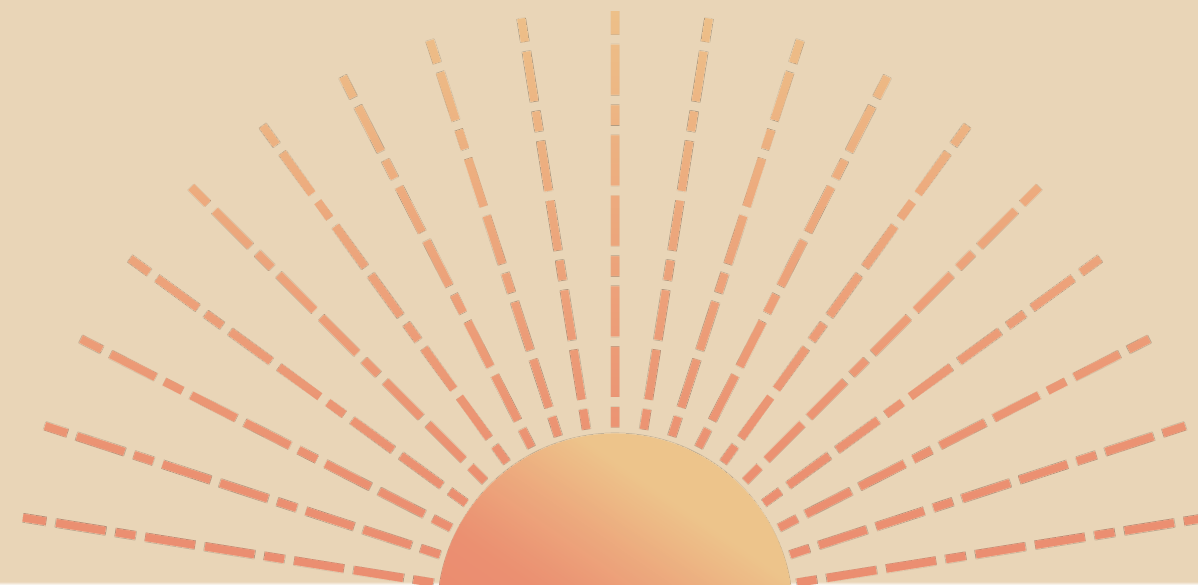
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The Sympathetic Victorious Savior!

¹⁸ Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested!...¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. **HEBREWS 2:18, 4:15** NLT

¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him [i.e., in/through JESUS]. **COLOSSIANS 2:15** ESV



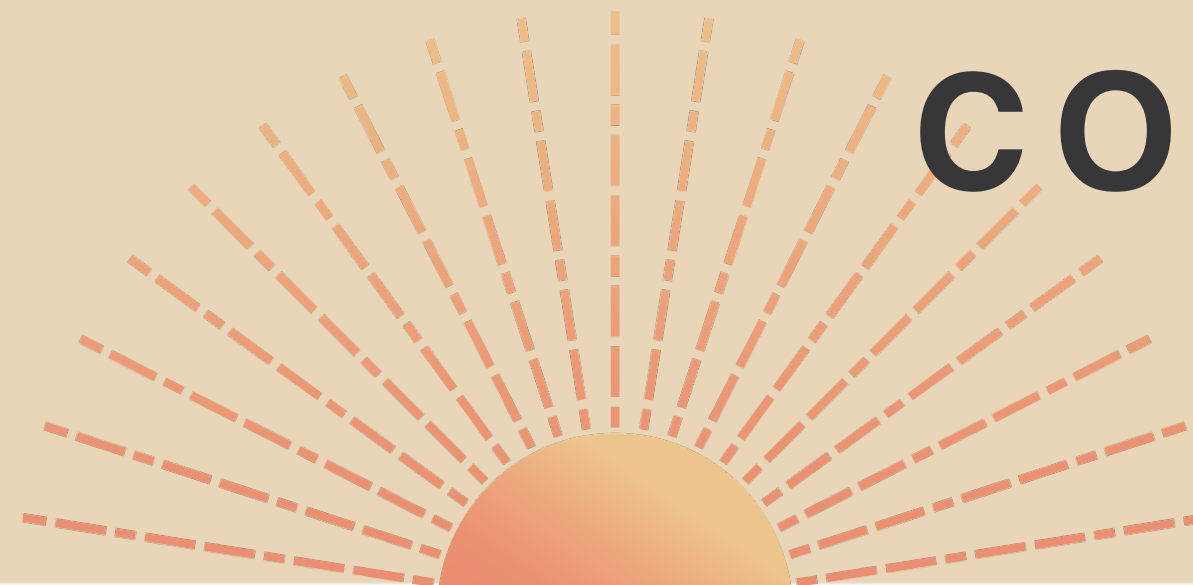
How to Get Protection from Temptation

⁴¹ [Jesus said to his disciples,] “Keep **watch and pray**, so that you will not give in to **temptation**. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!”

MATTHEW 26:41 NLT

² Devote yourselves to **prayer** with an **alert mind** and a thankful heart.

COLOSSIANS 4:2 NLT



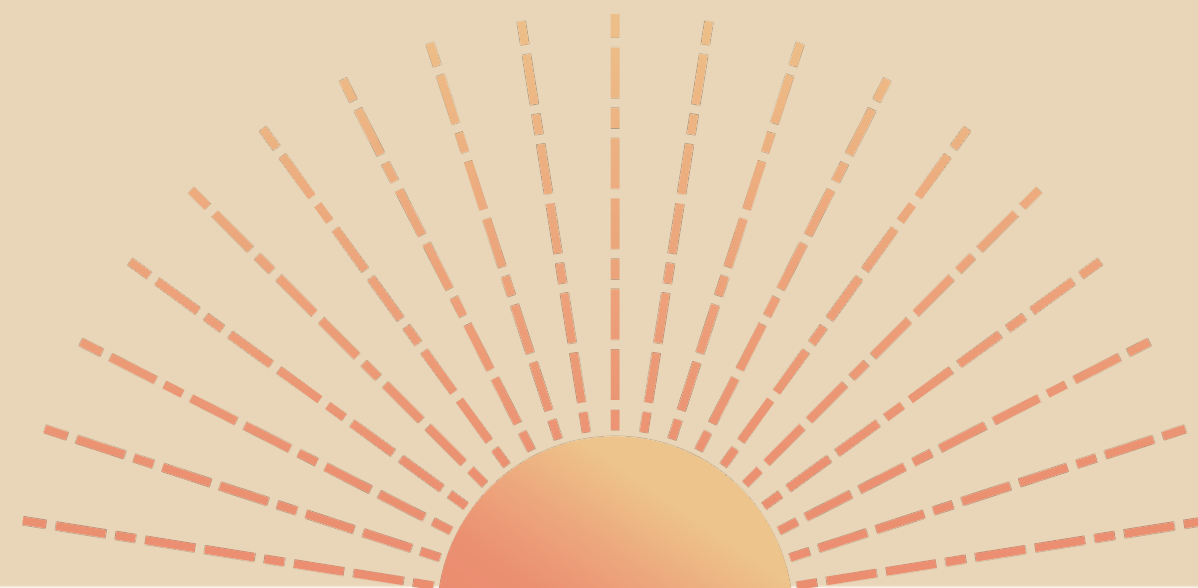
Watch Out!

- *Certain Times & Seasons: H.A.L.T.*
- *Different Strategies & Tactics*
- *A Major Danger (Pride)*

¹² So let the one who thinks he is standing be careful that he does not fall. ¹³ No trial has overtaken you that is not faced by others. And God is faithful: He will not let you be tried beyond what you are able to bear, but with the trial will also provide a way out so that you may be able to endure it.

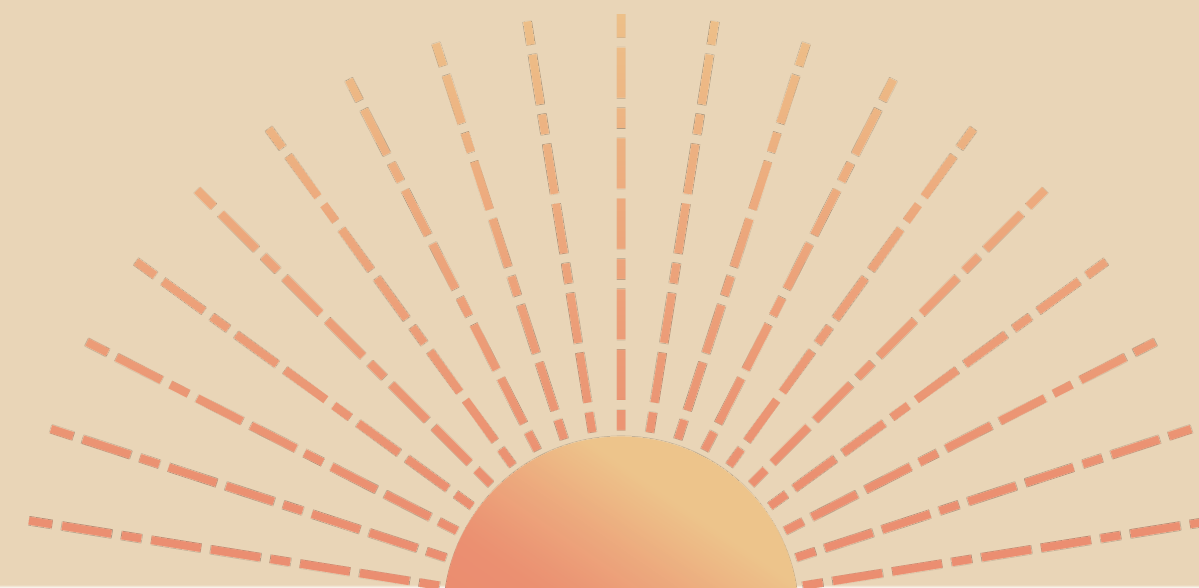
Pray!

- *Activating the armor of God through the Holy Spirit*
- *Giving thanks as a protection*
- *Worshipping through the Word*



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