

# **Amber's Article**

I want to expand a little bit on an e-news letter I sent a couple weeks ago regarding satan and his lies and how he twists the Truth that we know so well.

The devil... he is very deceiving. I will share an example of this for you.

When I am struggling and dealing with hurt and pain that I do not understand... it's like I hear the devil say "It's because you are living for God that He is taking you thru these deep trials. He wants to purge you." Now, while that does have some truth in it, (See what I mean? That's what the devil does! he takes the truth and twists it all around causing confusion in our minds!), it didn't make me want to draw close to God. It made me want to run away from Him! And THAT is how you know when it's the devil. We so often think it's our own minds conjuring up these things, but I truly believe the author of LIES and CONFUSION and DECIET is just waiting until we are at a weak spot - our breaking point - to attack us. HE is filling our minds with LIES and CONFUSION and DECIET!

I also believe when we profess the Word of God in prayer and AT the devil, it will cause him to retreat and will bring a tremendous outcome to whatever we may be facing. It's a sword in our hands to fight him off! The verse I use in this particular instance of being told by the father of lies, that I am going through these trials just "because I am living for God" is Matt. 5:45: "It rains on the just and the unjust!" I am NOT being persecuted BECAUSE I believe and am living for the Lord! I know a lot of unbelievers that go thru trials just like me... but they come out broken. I probably would come out like that too, if I wasn't walking with God because we live in a fallen world! But because I am His, He can use EVERYTHING for good in my life! Even my suffering! Because His plans for me are to bring a future and a hope! ( Jer. 29:11) And my God will use everything... EVERY SINGLE CIRCUMSTANCE...for His glory for those who love Him! (Romans 8:28) I don't know about you but...I love my Lord and firmly believe He will carry me through, despite the lies of His fallen angel.

*Grace & Agape,*

*Amber*

