



“The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver tested in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.” Psalm 12:6

The value of silver, or for that matter gold, is based upon its level of purity. The more highly refined the ore, the costlier the metal.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4). The Word of God has no need of the fires of man’s purification, for it is eternal in nature and substance. “The Word of the Lord endures forever.” (1 Peter 1:25) It is a sure word that readily invites full inspection. What God has spoken will withstand every test and assault – ultimately justifying those who have believed it and condemn those who reject it – and glorify the One Who has written it.

To test God’s Word you must first wholeheartedly obey it. It can never be merely ‘tried’ as one might try on a new pair of shoes or try the menu of a new restaurant. God’s Word must be wholly leaned upon.

In your testing of God’s Word be aware that while you may think you are the one administering the test, in reality it is you who are being examined! “For the Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and it is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight, but all things are naked and open unto the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do!” (Hebrews 4:12-13)

“Father, I affirm my belief in Your Word! It is the measuring rod, the standard, the guide, the final authority on living. In my submitting to it, I am submitting to You. You have spoken and that settles it, and therefore I will believe it! ‘I am who Your Word says I am. I can have what Your Word says I can have. I can do what Your Word says I can do’¹ – Thank you Father for Your eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Thank You for the written Word of God. Holy Spirit, help me to live in and abide in the Word!”

¹ Partial quotation from Pastor John Osteen.

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