

MAiD from a Biblical perspective

After Job was confronted with taking his own life he responded:

¹³ Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

¹⁴ Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

¹⁵ Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:
but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

¹⁶ He also shall be my salvation:
for an hypocrite shall not come before him. (*Job 13:13-16*)

² My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

⁴ But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
(*James 1:2-4*)

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

⁹ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. (*1 Peter 5:6-10*)

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee:

for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (*2 Corinthians 12:9*)

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (*Matthew 11:29-30*)

Take therefore no thought for the morrow:

for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.

Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (*Matthew 6:34*)

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (*Philippians 4:6*)

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation:

but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (*John 16:33*)

⁶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

⁷ That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

⁸ Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. (*1 Peter 1:6-9*)

¹² Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

¹³ But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (*1 Peter 4:12-13*)

³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

⁴ So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

⁵ Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

⁶ Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

⁹ Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

¹⁰ When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. (*2 Thessalonians 1:3-10*)

¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God:

for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin:

and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (*James 1:13-15*)

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man:

but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (*1 Corinthians 10:13*)

For ye are bought with a price:

therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (*1 Corinthians 6:20*)

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree:
and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away
my life; for I am not better than my fathers. (*1 Kings 19:4*)

³ Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to
live.

⁴ Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry? (*Jonah 4:3-4*)

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing
and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

²⁰ That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou
mayest cleave unto him:

for he is thy life, and the length of thy days:

that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
Jacob, to give them. (*Deuteronomy 30:19-20*)

⁴ For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:

and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

⁵ Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (*1 John 5:4-5*)

Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher
of the Gentiles in faith and verity. (*1 Timothy 2:7*)

But without faith it is impossible to please him:

for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently
seek him. (*Hebrews 11:6*)

The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. (*Psalms 111:7*)

Trials and tribulations are part of Gods' process to bring about our sanctification. Suicide is our unequivocal and final response to God that we refuse to yield and instead opt out without recourse.

²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

²⁸ So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he
appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (*Hebrews 9:27-28*)

That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked:

and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee:

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? (*Genesis 18:25*)

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:
but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (*Mark 13:13*)

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And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:
but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. (*Matthew 10:22*)

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
(*Revelation 2:7*)

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. (*Revelation 2:11*)

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. (*Revelation 2:17*)

²⁶ And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

²⁷ And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers:
even as I received of my Father. (*Revelation 2:26-27*)

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. (*Revelation 3:5*)

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out:
and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God:
and I will write upon him my new name. (*Revelation 3:12*)

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (*Revelation 3:21*)