

"Then said these men, 'We Shall Not Find Any Occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.'" *Daniel 6:5 KJV*

Not many enjoy rejection. Believers must ask themselves when being rejected, "Is it my words and deeds being rejected or the Truth I present?" People will probably not make a distinction between you, your words, and your actions. It is well they do not. "He that speaketh Truth showeth forth Righteousness." Your actions should reflect your Saviour, not yourself. "Let your Light so Shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Which Is In Heaven." Actions reveal the heart. Your best criticism comes from your enemy. They will tell you what your friends will not. "If ye be reproached for the Name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of Glory and of God Resteth upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." Be certain that the rejection of others is directed towards your God and your faith, not your faults. Stand unwaveringly upon the Truth, regardless of the opinion of others, because "the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not." Like you, they must be given sight by the indwelling Spirit of the Living God before they can understand. "We have This Treasure in earthen vessels, that the Excellency of the Power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the Life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." Mental or physical suffering for Christ makes you instantly more aware of His sufferings on your behalf, to know how He felt when reviled. The "Fellowship of His Suffering" will make you intimate with God and the less you'll be bothered by men's rejection. Their voices will fade into absolute nothingness in the Presence of Majestic Grace! Unbelievers will always "find...occasion" with the Truth. If that's the reason for their rejection, "happy are ye." If you find this burden too heavy, run to the solace of God's Word! It is there you will find strength to carry the cross of self-denial. It is there you will find the Promises And Assurances of Almighty Jehovah! It is while lingering there you will hear the Voice of God as the Holy Spirit of Truth Guides you into all Truth. Can you say that you know His Voice? Perhaps, you find it hard to follow, because you do not hear it. To be very clear, God's Voice is not heard with human ear. It is heard with the heart. What is the heart? It is the innermost sanctum of your private thought. That part of you that only you know and hear. How do you "hear" your own thoughts? That is the ear that hears God; the ear that knows Truth! Jesus said, "I am...the Truth. My sheep hear My Voice and they follow (obey) me." You, alone, hear your heart, but all see the result!



Be sure the Truth is the occasion,  
Why men find fault with your persuasion,  
Their unbelief is their damnation,  
While given Grace is your Salvation. –CGP

The reason many "test your mettle" is to verify it's veracity. Facades never stand the storm. Who knows which loved one will be persuaded by your steadfastness in Truth? Is the eternity of their soul worthy of your suffering?

*"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more Exceeding and Eternal Weight Of Glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen Are Eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle [our body] were dissolved, we have a Building of God, an house not made with hands, (see 1 John 3:1-3) Eternal In The Heavens." 2 Corinthians 4:17-5:1 KJV*