

# **“Standing the Test of Times”**

*Are we going to make it through this?*

**Luke 21:5-38**

*We will stand if we are:*

- I. Spiritual** - “the temple” (verses 5-11)  
*Being careful not to become:*
  - A. Enamored** – “adorned”
    - *Marked by foolish or unreasoning fondness*
      - 1. *Don’t focus on the temporal enamored with stuff (5-6)*
  - B. Enchanted** – “be not deceived”
    - *Influenced as by charms or incantations*
      - 2. *Don’t follow a false Christ enchanted by leaders (7-8)*
  - C. Engrossed** - “be not terrified”
    - *Giving or marked by complete attention to*
      - 3. *Don’t fear the future engrossed by crisis (9-11)*
- II. Safe** - “lay hands on you” (verses 12-16)  
*Being in the center of God’s will while:*
  - A. Suffering** – “persecute you”
    - 4. *Difficulties bring testimony opportunities (12-13)*
  - B. Speaking** – “ye shall answer”  
*Leaning on the Spirit’s leading concerning vocabulary:*
    - 5. *Be Spirit led in your words (14-15)*
  - C. Standing** – “possess ye your souls”
    - 6. *Be prepared to stand alone (16-17)*
    - 7. *Be confident in life and willing to die well (18-19)*
- III. Strong** - “hearts failing” (verses 20-36)  
*Our strength comes from being:*
  - A. Responsive** – “flee to the mountains”
    - 8. *Be willing and ready to relocate*
  - B. Redeemed** – “Son of Man”
    - 9. *Be aware of where help comes from (25-28)*
  - C. Right** – “My Words”

*10. Be anchored in the Word of God*

***D. Renewed*** – *“hearts be overcharged”*

*11. Be balanced in your view of the world (34-36)*