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It's not optional—We must endure!

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A major test: God's people! See it here in Vs. 9 & in Matt. 24:48-51

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