

# THE PROMISE OF JESUS

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**Scriptures:** Nehemiah 2; Psalm 97, Revelation 2 -

**“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.” Revelation 2: 10**

**Consideration:** Chapter two of Revelation tells us that the devil has a Synagogue (v. 9), he had a throne in Pergamum (v. 13) and, that he had revealed his so-called deep secrets (v. 24) in Thyatira. As a result of his direct influence in these cities, the churches had to deal with false prophets, false teachers, false apostles which misled disciples to idolatry, sexual immorality to the point of some turned to Satanism (v. 24). In the midst of this intense spiritual battle, true believers were told by Jesus of ten days of severe trials, persecutions, imprisonment, and to some death.

**Commitment:** The Lord told his faithful witnessed of Smyrna that he knew their afflictions, their adversities, and their enemies; therefore Jesus knew everything that his servants were facing. He had also warned them that things were going to get even worse. Like Job, some of them would need to face the devil’s attack and a strong spiritual battle. He gave the reason for such trials: “to test some of you.” Perhaps, to see if they would deny their faith and their Lord, or like Job they would say: “The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the

**Lord be praised.” Jesus also encouraged them in verse 10 with these words: “Do not be afraid!” “Be faithful” “I will give you the crown of life.” These are his promise to me as well, therefore I must trust in my Lord.**

**Call:** My God, thanks for your word that had taught me this morning of the reality of my enemy. What he does to deceive and to attack us, your people. Lord, help me not to fall into his trap, neither to follow false teachers and false prophets, but to stand firm when the trial comes. Heavenly Father, help me that I would not allow fear to destroy my faith, to hear, and to keep Jesus’s words in my heart and, to reject all satan’s lies. In Jesus’ name. Amen!