

Jeremiah says, The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it. I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give to every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

Now turning over to the NT, we look at 1 Cor. 3:13, where we read that every man's work shall be made manifest, for the day shall declare it, for it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." You might say that in a sense the examination tomorrow is a fire that will try the work of --- that each of ^{you} ~~y~~ has done during the semester, and make clear how faithful or how accurate or how good has been the work you have done, even though of course this verse is specifically speaking about the ~~y~~ trial of our work that is to be made when we come before the judgment seat of Christ.

2 Cor. 13:5. "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves." 1 Pet. 4:12, Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." And Rev. 3:10, Behold thou hast kept the word of my patience. I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth." I don't think temptation here is used in our present sense. I think it means testing. The hour of testing which shall come upon all them in the world to try them that dwell upon the earth. I have found that it is very easy to neglect the devotional life. It is very easy for other things to crowd in and for us to fail to keep our regular devotions. But I have tried -- I remember particularly when I was in seminary, I made a very definite effort during exam period, during times of special stress, to keep up my devotional life because that is when I think we very particularly need not to let ourselves get lax in these matters. We need to learn to handle stress. Stress comes to all of us. Stress comes particularly at this period of examination. Very often in the past I have figured that I did not like to have a speaker at the chapel the day before examination. I particularly did not ~~y~~ think it was fair to an outsider to have him speak at that time because our minds are apt to be upon the trial that is just ahead. But we have to meet stress in life, and it is very important