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## From all corrosion (Saint Cassian the Roman)

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Temptations happen to people: to test them, and so that their virtue will shine through, as was the case with Abraham, Job and many others of the righteous; to

cleanse them of all the stains of sin, or as the Prophet Isaiah puts it, all the rust God sees in the depths of the souls of His children (cf. Is. 1, 25) so that, on the day of judgment, they can appear before Him as pure gold; or so that we can be chastised for our own good, because of our sins, as we read in the Psalms: Many are the afflictions with which the Lord scourges the sinner (Ps. 31, 10).