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## From all the dross (Abba Kassianos)

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Temptations happen to people. To test them, so that their virtue shines through, as happened with Abraham, Job and many other righteous people. So that they can be

cleansed of all the stigmas of their sins, as the Prophet Isaiah says. Purged of all the dross that God sees in the depths of the souls of His children (See Is. 1, 25), so that, on the day of judgment, they may appear before Him like pure gold. They're 'punished' as part of their education, because of their sins, as we read in the Psalms: 'Many are the scourges of the sinner' (Ps. 31, 10).