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| Sirach 2:1-11Selection A6 | **A Reading from the Book of Sirach****My child, when you come to serve the Lord,** **prepare yourself for trials.****Be sincere of heart and steadfast,** **and do not be impetuous in time of adversity.****Cling to him,**  **do not leave him,** **that you may prosper in your last days.****Accept whatever happens to you;** **in periods of humiliation be patient.****For in fire gold is tested,** **and the chosen,**  **in the crucible of humiliation.****Trust in God, and he will help you;** **make your ways straight and hope in him.****You that fear the Lord,**  **wait for his mercy,** **do not stray lest you fall.****You that fear the Lord, trust in him,** **and your reward will not be lost.****You that fear the LORD,** ***Continued on the Next Page*** **hope for good things,** **for lasting joy and mercy.****Consider the generations long past and see:** **has anyone trusted in the Lord**  **and been disappointed?****Has anyone persevered in his fear and been forsaken?****Has anyone called upon him and been ignored?****For the Lord is compassionate and merciful;** **forgives sins and saves in time of trouble.****The Word of the Lord** |