*T*EST *A*NALYSIS

בָּחַן (*bachan*)
- Often used of metals as a test for purity
- Reveals the nature/quality of a thing

נָסָה (nasah)
- A test of obedience
- Often used of the Israelites "testing" of God

צָרַף (tzaraph)
- Similar to *bachan*, but has in view the purifying outcome of the test.
- Homophone of שָׂרַף (saraph) – "to burn"

Psalm 26:2

"**_Prove me_**, O LORD, and **_try me_**; **_test_** my heart and my mind."

בְּחָנֵנִי יהוה וְנַסֵּנִי צָרְפָה כִלְיוֹתַי וְלִבִּי׃

R' Hirsch's expanded translation:

"_Examine me_ to determine how far I have progressed;
test me to see if I can progress still further;
cleanse [me] – I desire even chastisement if this will
further my moral ennoblement."