

God is with us in our fiery trials.

- I. Trials are inevitable.
  - a. Rebellion against God's rule (v. 1)
  - b. Pressure, coercion and persecution toward man's rule (vv. 2-14)
- II. God will deliver.
  - a. Grace to stand (vv. 15-23)
  - b. Grace to walk (vv. 24-30)

Isaiah 43:1-3

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

*When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*  
- John Rippon, "How Firm a Foundation"

1 Peter 1:6-7: <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

You can trust God who is faithful to be with and deliver you through fiery trials.