

DISCOVERING GOD IN THE FIRE

Part 5

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1 Peter 4:12, 13

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the **fiery trial** which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

1. **Fire of Persecution:**
2. **A Refining Fire:**

Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.

- **Deep Waters and Rivers**
- **Fire and Flames**
- **His Presence**

HOW DO YOU DISCOVER GOD IN THE FIRE?...**BY FAITH**

Daniel 3:1-30

1. They made a **STAND** of faith
2. They made a **DECLARATION** of faith
3. There was a **MANIFESTATION** of their faith

BY FAITH WE MUST MAKE 3 DISCOVERIES

1. **The PURPOSE of the fire**

Isaiah 54:16

Behold, **I have created the smith** who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose. I have also created the ravager to destroy;

- God **CONTROLS** it
- God determines the **INTENSITY** of it
- The fire causes your **FAITH** to emerge!

1 Peter 1:6-9

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is **tested by fire**, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.

2. The PURGING of the fire

- To burn up the **CHAFF**
- To **TEMPER** or **FORGE**

3. The PRESENCE in the fire

- **EXPECT** Him to be there
- His **PROMISE** is to be there! - “*When you walk THROUGH...!*”
- The enemy **CANNOT TOUCH YOU!**

HOW TO SURVIVE ANY FIRE...THROUGH THE FIRE OF HIS WORD!

- Jeremiah 20:9
- Psalm 12:6
- Isaiah 6:1-7