

LIFE IN EXILE

SUSTAINED BY HOPE IN A HOSTILE WORLD

1 Peter - Part 18

ENDURING THE FIERY TRIAL

How to Respond When the Heat Is On

(1 Peter 4:12-19)

INTRODUCTION:

LAST WEEK:

PETER'S COUNSEL IN LIGHT OF THE TIMES (1 Peter 4:7-11)

"The end of all things is near; therefore,..."

- Peter wants us to understand that because the end is near, it should shape our perspective and direct us as a community to embrace three vital priorities and imperatives... pray, love, serve!

TODAY'S TEXT:

A FINAL EXHORTATION CONCERNING TRIAL AND TESTING... (1 Peter 4:12-19)

"...the fiery ordeal..."

THAT REFLECTS AND RECALLS THE FIRST EXHORTATION... (1 Peter 1:6-9)

"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,⁷ so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ..."

1A. DON'T BE _____ AT THE FIERY TRIAL. (v. 12-14)

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal when it comes upon you..."

1B. Why? ...because there is a _____ in the fiery ordeal! (v. 12)

"...to test you, as though something strange were happening to you."

- We don't suffer _____, but _____.

2B. Why? ...because there is a _____ in the fiery ordeal! (v. 13)

"But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed."

- We don't suffer _____! And if we share in His _____ we will share in His _____.

3B. Why? ...because there is a _____ in the fiery ordeal! (v. 14)

"If you are insulted **for the name of Christ**, you are blessed, because **the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.**"

2A. DON'T BE _____ IN THE FIERY TRIAL. (v. 15-18)

"But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, **let him not be ashamed**,...

1B. Why? ...because there is a _____ in the fiery ordeal! (v. 16b)

"...if anyone suffers as a Christian, ...let him glorify God in that name."

2B. Why? ...because there is a _____ in the fiery ordeal! (v. 17-18)

"For **it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God**; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

- It is far better to be a part of the _____ judgment than the _____ judgment.

CONCLUSION:

"Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will **entrust** their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good."

—1 Peter 4:19