

“Rejoice, Though Distressed”

Text: I Peter 1:6-7

Scripture reading: II Corinthians 4

II Cor. 4:17

I. A time for trouble – vs. 6 (Acts 5:41)

A) _____ lived

B) _____ needed (I Pet. 5:10; Matt. 13:20-21)

C) _____ troubles (I Pet. 4:10)

II. A purpose for trouble – vs. 7

A) Proof as _____ (Lk. 22:31-32)

B) Precious in _____

C) Praise from _____ (Matt. 25:21; Jn. 17:22; I Cor. 4:5; Rom. 2:10)

Summary:

1. Greatly rejoice _____ trials, not _____ trials.

2. The _____ of trials confirms the _____
Of Christ.

3. The _____ of our trials is the _____ of our faith.

“Ah! If there be degrees (of rewards) in glory, they will not be distributed according to our talents, but according to our faithfulness in using them.” -C. H. Spurgeon; 1834-1892

SERMON QUOTES:

I. A time for trouble – vs. 6

-John MacArthur, on the term, ‘greatly rejoice,’

“...that means to be supremely and abundantly happy – a happiness that is not tentative nor based on circumstances or superficial feelings. ...In the New Testament, (it) always refers to spiritual rather than temporal joy and it usually has reference to a relationship with God.”

C) _____ troubles

-Pastor David Helm,

“...in the end Peter wants his readers to know that for anyone who takes up with Jesus, trials of some size or stripe are inevitable.”

II. A purpose for trouble – vs. 7

C) Praise from _____

-John MacArthur,

“That God would praise saving faith and genuine faithfulness in difficulty is truly amazing, inasmuch as both are gifts of His grace and power in the first place. Such praise for believers demonstrates His supreme generosity.”

-Peter Davids,

“Christ, ...praises His faithful ones, giving them honor and glory, an honor and glory that is His by right and that their lives have demonstrated, but that He is pleased to share with those who have been faithful to Him.”

-Alan Stubbs,

“The praise and honour and glory ...will, from one standpoint, be given to the true believer by the approving Lord Himself. From another standpoint they will be given to the Lord Himself, who is thus openly shown to have been worthy of trust by both the devotion and the experience of those who trusted Him.”