

Daily Study Guide

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1 Peter 1:1-12 | The Refiner's Fire

Scripture References

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Romans 8:18–30

1 Corinthians 15:12–19

Romans 5:3–5

James 1:2–4; 5:7–11

Matthew 6:19–20

Mark 8:34–38

Study Questions

1. Why is it easy to forget that you are merely “passing through” this world (1 Peter 1:1)? When you consider the reality of belonging to another world, how should that change your view of life in this present world? In what tangible ways would an unbeliever identify you as being markedly different from them? What specific things can you do to keep from becoming too “at home” in this world? Read Hebrews 11:13–16.
2. Contemplate one truth from 1 Peter 1:1–2 about your identity as a Christian. How do you think this single reality should affect your attitudes and behaviors? List the character traits and actions for which Peter praised God in 1 Peter 1:3–5. Which is the most meaningful to you? Why? How can you celebrate this trait or action this week?
3. Identify one concrete way that you have suffered for Christ (1 Peter 1:6–7)? How was/is this situation an opportunity to represent Christ? How can you develop an eternal perspective amid present problems? Can you remember any instances in which God used difficult circumstances to refine and purify your faith? What did God accomplish in your life?
4. What is your reaction to the idea that it is God’s will for you to suffer (1 Peter 1:6–9)? How does this idea contrast with common concepts of God and His will for people’s lives? How would you respond if someone in a terrible trial says: “How can a loving God allow this to happen?” How should your future glorification and reward impact you in your present suffering?
5. Peter’s words in 1:10–12 make it clear that we could not live at a better time in history. How does this make you think differently about things going on around you at this moment? How can you cultivate an attitude of gratitude and optimism?

Recommended Reading

D. A. Carson, *Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility: Biblical Themes in Tension* (John Knox, 1981)

D. A. Carson, *How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering and Evil* (Baker, 1990)

Kenneth Boa, *Shaped by Suffering* (InterVarsity, 2020)

Erwin W. Lutzer, *Your Eternal Reward: Triumph and Tears at the Judgment Seat of Christ* (Moody, 1998)