

## Psalm Series Pt 6 Psalm 66 Through and Out

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# Introduction

Psalm 66 is a **testimony** psalm. This is a psalm written by somebody who went through fire but came out singing

## 1. A God who deserves a loud praise

Psalms 66:1-4 BSB For the choirmaster. A song. A Psalm. Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His name; make His praise glorious. Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cower before You. All the earth bows down to You; they sing praise to You; they sing praise to Your name." Selah

Notice how the psalm begins, "Make a joyful noise (shout) to God. When you know WHO God is, when you have seen Him move, you can't keep it inside

Sometimes we act like praise is a response to our circumstances, but praise is a response to His character

## 2. A God who takes us through the test

Psalms 66:10 BSB For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us like silver.

### Refining

Some of you thought the test meant God left you. You thought, "If God really loved me, He wouldn't let me go through this."

But that's not how the refiner works.

When a silversmith refines silver, he puts it in the hottest part of the fire. And he watches it. He never leaves it. He sits there, staring at that silver, turning up the heat until all the impurities rise to the top and burn off.

And you know when the refiner knows the silver is pure?

**When he can see his own reflection in it.**

**If there was nothing valuable in you, the Enemy wouldn't be fighting you this hard. If there was nothing God wanted to refine in you, He wouldn't bother with the**

**fire.**

## Through

Psalms 66:11-12 BSB You led us into the net; You laid burdens on our backs. You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but You brought us into abundance.

That word "net"—it's talking about being trapped. Stuck. Can't move. Like you're caught and you can't get free.

### **Anybody ever felt stuck? Trapped?**

- Trapped in debt.
- Trapped in a toxic relationship.
- Trapped in a cycle of sin.
- Trapped in grief that won't let go.

"Burdens on our backs"—burdens piled high. Pressure you can't shake.

"Men riding over our heads"—people disrespecting you, walking all over you, treating you like you're nothing.

"Fire"—intense, burning trials.

"Water"—overwhelming, drowning circumstances.

But notice something: **The psalmist doesn't say, "We fell into fire and water." He says, "WE WENT THROUGH."**

There's a difference between **falling** and **going through**.

When you fall, you're out of control. When you **go through**, you're on a path.

### 3. WHEN GOD BRINGS YOU OUT, YOU BRING AN OFFERING

Psalms 66:13-14 BSBI will enter Your house with burnt offerings; I will fulfill my vows to You— the vows that my lips promised and my mouth spoke in my distress.

He doesn't just shout. He doesn't just celebrate. **He shows up with something.**

He made promises in the fire. Now he's fulfilling them in the abundance.

### 4. Test into testimony

Watch how the psalm ends:

Psalms 66:16 BSB Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for me.

The psalmist doesn't keep it to himself. He gathers people and says, "**Let me tell you what God did.**"

Psalms 66:19-20 BSB But God has surely heard; He has attended to the sound of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld from me His loving devotion!

That's testimony.

"I cried out. He heard. He didn't turn away. He showed me mercy. And He brought me out."

Church, your testimony is not just for you. **Your testimony is fuel for somebody else's faith.**

## Conclusion

### **For those in the fire / water:**

- "You feel like you're drowning, like the heat is too much. This word is for you: through and out."