

THIS IS MY BIBLE, I AM WHAT IT SAYS I AM,
I CAN DO WHAT IT SAYS I CAN DO.
I AM A BELIEVER, AND NOT A DOUBTER,
A DOER AND NOT JUST A HEARER, AND
MY LIFE IS THE BETTER AFTER HEARING,
OBEYING, AND APPLYING A
WORD FROM THE LORD.

LUKE 22:31–32 KJV

³¹ AND THE LORD SAID, SIMON, SIMON, BEHOLD, SATAN HATH DESIRED TO HAVE YOU, THAT HE MAY SIFT YOU AS WHEAT:

³² BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR THEE, THAT THY FAITH FAIL NOT: AND WHEN THOU ART CONVERTED, STRENGTHEN THY BRETHREN.

LUKE 22:33–34 KJV

³³ AND HE SAID UNTO HIM, LORD, I AM READY TO GO WITH THEE, BOTH INTO PRISON, AND TO DEATH.

³⁴ AND HE SAID, I TELL THEE, PETER, THE COCK SHALL NOT CROW THIS DAY, BEFORE THAT THOU SHALT THRICE DENY THAT THOU KNOWEST ME.

PERSECUTION

- TO SUBJECT SOMEONE TO HOSTILITY OR ILL-TREATMENT, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THEIR ETHNICITY, RELIGION, OR POLITICAL VIEWS.
- TO HARASS OR ANNOY (SOMEONE)

1 PETER 1:3–4 NIV

³ **PRAISE BE TO THE GOD** AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD,

⁴ AND INTO AN INHERITANCE THAT CAN NEVER PERISH, SPOIL OR FADE. THIS INHERITANCE IS KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU,

1 PETER 1:5–6 NIV

⁵ WHO THROUGH FAITH ARE SHIELDED BY GOD'S POWER UNTIL THE COMING OF THE SALVATION THAT IS READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.

⁶ IN ALL THIS YOU GREATLY REJOICE, THOUGH NOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE YOU MAY HAVE HAD TO SUFFER GRIEF IN ALL KINDS OF TRIALS.

1 PETER 1:7 NIV

⁷ THESE HAVE COME SO THAT THE PROVEN GENUINENESS OF YOUR FAITH—OF GREATER WORTH THAN GOLD, WHICH PERISHES EVEN THOUGH REFINED BY FIRE—MAY RESULT IN PRAISE, GLORY AND HONOR WHEN JESUS CHRIST IS REVEALED.

PETER DELIBERATELY EMPLOYS THIS ANALOGY TO SAY THAT SITUATIONS OF TESTING ARE OCCASIONS WHEN GOD REFINES AND PURIFIES THE FAITH OF HIS PEOPLE AS PRECIOUS METAL IS REFINED IN A FIRE

WAYNE A. GRUDEM, *1 PETER: AN INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTARY*, VOL. 17, TYNDALE NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARIES (DOWNERS GROVE, IL: INTERVARSITY PRESS, 1988), 68.

ANOTHER PROCESS THAT IS USED TO REFINE GOLD INVOLVES THE APPLICATION OF HEAT. GOLD SCRAPS ARE PLACED IN A CONTAINER. THIS CONTAINER IS THEN PLACED IN A FURNACE WHICH IS HEATED UP TO ALMOST 2,000 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. THE GOLD MELTS AT SUCH A HIGH TEMPERATURE. IT IS THEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER CONTAINER, LEAVING THE IMPURITIES AND OTHER SUBSTANCES FLOATING AT THE SURFACE.

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LUKE 22:54–55 NIV

⁵⁴ **THEN SEIZING HIM**, THEY LED HIM AWAY AND TOOK HIM INTO THE HOUSE OF THE HIGH PRIEST. PETER FOLLOWED AT A DISTANCE.

⁵⁵ AND WHEN SOME THERE HAD KINDLED A FIRE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COURTYARD AND HAD SAT DOWN TOGETHER, PETER SAT DOWN WITH THEM.

LUKE 22:56–57 NIV

⁵⁶ A SERVANT GIRL SAW HIM SEATED THERE IN THE FIRELIGHT. SHE LOOKED CLOSELY AT HIM AND SAID, **“THIS MAN WAS WITH HIM.”**

⁵⁷ BUT HE DENIED IT. “WOMAN, I DON’T KNOW HIM,” HE SAID.

LUKE 22:58–59 NIV

⁵⁸ A LITTLE LATER SOMEONE ELSE SAW HIM AND SAID, “YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM.” “MAN, I AM NOT!” PETER REPLIED.

⁵⁹ ABOUT AN HOUR LATER ANOTHER ASSERTED, “CERTAINLY THIS FELLOW WAS WITH HIM, FOR HE IS A GALILEAN.”

LUKE 22:60–61 NIV

⁶⁰ PETER REPLIED, “MAN, I DON’T KNOW WHAT YOU’RE TALKING ABOUT!” JUST AS HE WAS SPEAKING, THE ROOSTER CROWED.

⁶¹ THE LORD TURNED AND LOOKED STRAIGHT AT PETER. THEN PETER REMEMBERED THE WORD THE LORD HAD SPOKEN TO HIM: “BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS TODAY, YOU WILL DISOWN ME THREE TIMES.”

LUKE 22:62 NIV

⁶² AND HE WENT OUTSIDE AND WEPT BITTERLY.

PSALM 51:1–2 KJV

¹ HAVE MERCY UPON ME, O GOD,
ACCORDING TO THY LOVINGKINDNESS:
ACCORDING UNTO THE MULTITUDE OF THY
TENDER MERCIES BLOT OUT MY
TRANSGRESSIONS.

² WASH ME THOROUGHLY FROM MINE
INIQUITY, AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY SIN.

PSALM 51:6–7 KJV

⁶ BEHOLD, THOU DESIREST TRUTH IN THE INWARD PARTS: AND IN THE HIDDEN PART THOU SHALT MAKE ME TO KNOW WISDOM.

⁷ PURGE ME WITH HYSSOP, AND I SHALL BE CLEAN: WASH ME, AND I SHALL BE WHITER THAN SNOW.

PSALM 51:10 KJV

¹⁰ CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O
GOD; AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT
WITHIN ME.

PSALM 51:16–17 KJV

¹⁶ FOR THOU DESIREST NOT SACRIFICE;
ELSE WOULD I GIVE IT: THOU DELIGHTEST
NOT IN BURNT OFFERING.

¹⁷ THE SACRIFICES OF GOD ARE A
BROKEN SPIRIT: A BROKEN AND A
CONTRITE HEART, O GOD, THOU WILT
NOT DESPISE.

LUKE 22:62 NIV

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JOHN 1:1–2 NIV

¹ IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD,
AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND
THE WORD WAS GOD.

² HE WAS WITH GOD IN THE
BEGINNING.

JOHN 1:3 NIV

³ THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE
MADE; WITHOUT HIM NOTHING WAS
MADE THAT HAS BEEN MADE.

JOHN 3:16–17 NIV

¹⁶ FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

¹⁷ FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT TO SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH HIM.