



The Fiery Trials Of Life

1 Peter 4:12-19

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Review

Marching Orders *until* Christ Returns

- A. **The Incentive**—Christ's coming is at hand.
- B. **The Instructions**—prayerful holiness, mutual love, and spiritual service.
- C. **The Intention**—so that God may be glorified.

STUDY SECTION

Important Truths *about the Fiery Trials of Life*

1. Expect fiery trials.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 4:12, NASB95 -¹² *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal. [Gk: pyrōsis, portrays figuratively a painful experience, suffering and/or persecution] among you, which comes upon you for your testing. [the word is used of a furnace melting down metal to purge it of impurities], as though some strange thing were happening to you....*

James 1:2–3, NASB95 -² *Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.*

Hard times develop character in each of us.

2. Exalt God in fiery trials.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 4:13–14, NASB95 -¹³ *but to the degree that you share [lit., relate to] the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation [lit., rapturous joy, overjoyed]. ¹⁴ If you are reviled [lit., insulted] for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*

Luke 6:22–23, NIV84 -²² *Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. ²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets.*

Hard times will bring us closer to God.

3. Evaluate yourself in fiery trials.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 4:15–18, NASB95 -¹⁵ *Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; ¹⁶ but if anyone suffers as a Christian [lit., "little Christ"—used only three times in the NT (here and in Acts 11:26 & Acts 26:28); it began as an insult but later, a badge of honor in the first century church], he is not to be ashamed [lit., dishonored], but is to glorify God in this name. ¹⁷ *For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?**

Why am I suffering?

Am I ashamed of glorifying Christ?

Am I seeking to win the lost in my suffering?

4. Entrust yourself to God in fiery trials.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 4:19, NASB95 -¹⁹ *Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust [Gk: paratithemi, is a banker's term referring to a deposit for safe keeping] their souls to a faithful Creator [used only here in NT] in doing what is right [God always does right].*

Hard times teach us completely to trust in God.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

In the trials of life, entrust yourself to God and rest in Him.