

More Precious than Gold



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One of the most important verses in all of Scripture is found in 1 Peter 1:7: “That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found in praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Peter also tells us what we can expect to face in such tests of faith: “Though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials” (verse 6). Peter is saying, “If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, then you will be tested severely.”

Peter makes it clear that such tests of faith are not intended for nominal Christians; these fiery trials are meant for sold-out believers. Christians have a “living hope” because of their faith (verse 3). Simply put, God is saying to us, “Your faith is precious to me, more precious than all the wealth of this world, which will one day perish! And in these last days — when the enemy sends all manner of evil against you — I want you to be able to stand strong, with an unshakeable faith.”

Beloved, the test of our faith is important because God’s keeping, delivering power is released according to our faith in him. The stronger our faith, the more his keeping power will be released in our lives.

Paul testifies of having endured heavy adversities and testings: “Serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me” (Acts 20:19). He was acknowledging, “I know that in everything I go through, the Lord is trying to mold something in me. He wants to bring forth an enduring faith!”

And James writes, “Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience” (James 1:2-3). James is saying, “Whenever heavy trials come upon you, rejoice!” The Lord is at work, bringing you to a place of rest and faith in him.

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