

The Trial Of Your Faith

“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:7)

It is a blessing to experience those times when all seems well and faith comes easily; when it seems the very air is filled with the presence of the Lord. Such times are a blessing, but they are no proof of true faith. Faith is proven when it endures the HARD times. When the heart is broken, the mind confused, and the body weak, then is faith put to the test and proven whether it be genuine. When faith survives those times when there is NO FEELING to verify it, NO EVIDENCE to confirm it, and NO FLESHLY ENERGY to sustain it, then and only then can we discover that we have that faith that is “the gift of God.” God’s gifts are “without repentance,” and this is as true of faith as any of His other gifts. We know we have believed when we never repent of our faith but believe in the very face of all that is opposed to faith. This is the trial and proof of faith.

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