

FIERY TRIALS





1 Peter 4:12-19

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of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs. ¹⁶ But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name! ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God's



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household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good News? ¹⁸ And also, "If the righteous are barely saved, what will happen to godless sinners?" ¹⁹ So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.



- *Hope*
- *Faith*
- *The love of Christ*
- *His Word*
- *Submission*
- *Suffering*



EXPECT SUFFERING

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John 15:18

If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first.



EXPECT SUFFERING

2 Timothy 3:12

Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.



EXPECT SUFFERING

1 John 3:13

***So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters,
if the world hates you.***



EXPECT SUFFERING

Psalms 66:10

You have tested us, O God; you have purified us like silver.



EXPECT SUFFERING

1 Peter 1:7

These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

EXPECT SUFFERING

Persecution is the Lord refining His temple—His people . It is important to note that not all of the difficulties of life are necessarily fiery trials. There are some difficulties that are simply a part of human life and almost everybody experiences them. Unfortunately, there are some difficulties that we bring on ourselves because of disobedience and sin.

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EXPECT SUFFERING

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

³ We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and



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***trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴
And endurance develops strength of character, and
character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵
And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we
know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us
the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.***

EXPECT SUFFERING

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don't be surprised. It's
normal. God will help you
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EXULT IN SUFFERING

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It is human nature to want to be liked. But when we desire to be liked by the world, more than loved by Christ and praising him, we run into trouble





EVALUATE YOUR SUFFERING

1 Peter 4:15-18

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1 Thessalonians 4:11

***Make it your goal to live a quiet life,
minding your own business and working
with your hands, just as we instructed you
before.***



EVALUATE YOUR SUFFERING

2 Thessalonians 3:11-12

Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. ¹² We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living



EVALUATE YOUR SUFFERING

1 Peter 4:17

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EVALUATE YOUR SUFFERING

1 Corinthians 11:32

Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.



EVALUATE YOUR SUFFERING

2 Thessalonians 1:5-9

And God will use this persecution to show his justice and to make you worthy of his Kingdom, for which you are suffering. ⁶ In his justice he will pay back those who persecute you.

⁷ And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus



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appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels,⁸ in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus.⁹ They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.

EVALUATE YOUR SUFFERING

Since God is granting them the grace to endure, He is clearly on their side and is working to make them worthy for entrance into the kingdom of God.





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1 Peter 4:19

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