

The Matter of Faith

Study 3

Faith, Tried Gloriously

“The new life of the believer is the faith which constantly takes home forgiveness, regeneration, reconciliation and all they imply for the heart”

P T Forsyth

When God sends us tribulation, Satan suggests: See there God flings you into prison, endangers your life. Surely he hates you. He is angry with you; for if he did not hate you, he would not allow this thing to happen. In this way Satan turns the rod of the Father into the rope of the hangman, and the most salutary remedy into the deadliest poison. But he is an incredible master at devising thoughts of this nature. Therefore it is very difficult to differentiate in tribulations between him who kills and him who chastises in a friendly way.
Luther

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:7

And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Hebrews 11:32-34

..and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

Hebrews 11:36-38

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7

"Let those also who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right."