

“The Tests and Trials”

1 Pet. 1:6-7

Introduction

- I. The Bible makes it clear that Christians will have times that their faith will be tested.
- II. This is not just for some, but for all.

Discussion

- I. The trying of our faith is for our good.
 - A. Remember Abraham (Gen. 22:1; Heb. 11:17-19).
 - B. Think about testing a product before putting it on the market.
 - C. It will show our weaknesses (Matt. 26:69-75).
 - D. It will develop “spiritual muscles”/patience and endurance (James. 1:2-3, 12; cf. David 1 Sam. 17:34-36).
 - E. The limited commission was like on the job training for the apostles (Matt. 10:4-7; 28:18-20).
- II. Our “work” will be tested in life (1 Cor. 3:9, 11-17; 9:1-2).
 - A. Fire does not destroy the gold (1 Pet. 1:7).
 - B. It is only after the the testing that the crown is given (James 1:12).
- III. There are numerous examples of others being tested.
 - A. Adam and Eve (Gen. 2:17; 2 Cor. 5:17).
 - B. Moses (Heb. 11:24-26).
 - C. Daniel and the three Hebrew youths (Dan. 3; 6).
 - D. There are some that are happening right now (Luke 8:13; Matt. 5:9-12).
 - E. Even the Son of God endured testing (Matt. 4:1-11).

Conclusion

- I. We might not always like tests, but they are gauges to determine where we are.
- II. Let us endure the tests faithfully and be stronger in the future because of them.