

James 1:2-4

“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

James 1:12

“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

Matthew 5:10-12

“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

John 16:33

“I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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The Refining of Tribulations

- 1) We Must Have a Proper View of Birth
- 2) We Must Have a Proper View of Death

Ecclesiastes 5:15

“As he had come naked from his mother’s womb, so will he return as he came. He will take nothing from the fruit of his labor that he can carry in his hand.”

I Timothy 6:7

“For we brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.”

Matthew 6:19-20

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal.”

The Refining of Tribulations

- 1) We Must Have a Proper View of Birth
- 2) We Must Have a Proper View of Death
- 3) We Must Have a Proper View of God's Grace

James 1:17

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.”

The Refining of Tribulations

- 4) We Must Have a Proper View of God's Sovereignty
- 5) We Must Have a Proper View of Worship