

Volume 3 The Prophetic Books Isaiah 24:!5

"...wherefore, glorify the LORD in the fires, even the name of the LORD God of Israel..." Isaiah 24:!5

Genuine faith is most often revealed in the midst of trials. We may boast of our faith and we may even believe that the faith we possess is authentic. However, when the fires of life come for a visit we quickly discover just how genuine our faith is. "Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall test every man's work of what sort it is." (1 Corinthians 3:13).

No one enjoys these fires of testing, but... but they do us a favor. They reveal flaws and weaknesses in us, in the now, and we can, or at least should, rejoice over them for this reason – if we see these problems now we can do something about them. And in light of the Day of Christ's judgment soon appearing, it is far better for us to know our failings and problems now that to be disappointed in that hour!

Look at the testing and fires of your life as "pop quizzes". They are mini-preparations for the Day of Christ's judgment – and those results are final!

"Lord, help me to embrace and glorify You in the midst of trials. May I come out of them stronger and be more spiritually healthy than I am now. Amen."

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