



“You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; But You brought us out into a wealthy place.” Psalm 66:12

Our Father has an intended destination awaiting His people. “...it is the Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.” (Luke 12:32). And Jesus said, “That where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14:3). Yet, is it not our experience that before we can fully experience this wealthy place, we must first go through the hardships of the fires and the water?

The natural mind recoils at the fires and waters of life, but there is a spiritual working that is imparted by these things that rarely comes by any other means. “Knowing this, that the testing of your faith works patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing.” (James 1:3-4). With the fires and raging waters of tribulations there is a more certain character being worked – how shall we say – out in us. These tribulations are allowed that the nature of Christ might be molded and then seen within us. As the outer man diminishes because we are forced to rely upon him less and less, the inner man is manifest more and more because we are forced to lean and trust the Spirit of Jesus all the more. The end result is the revealing of the Lord Jesus in our lives and it is He Who is our hope of glory! “For which cause we faint not, but through our outward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us afar more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.” (2 Corinthians 4:16-17; Colossians 1:27).

As we step into that large and wealthy place prepared for us by our Father, the tribulations of fire and water will pass from our memories, but our characters will radiate the eternal qualities of God’s nature instilled within us during those trials of fire and water. It is then that as mature sons of the Most High we will be fully suited to walk in our inheritance! (Romans 8:14 – 18).

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