

Feb 1: 5-7, 89 - Tried by Fire Intro: Damaging Grace - ① favorite = will I make it thru dangers, trials & snares - ② why Charismatic so popular - tell us what we want to hear - Good Satan = woman / Alvin, TX, looking for guarantees - national Rm's death & she avoided me - yet we often are justified in wondering if God has abandoned us. (vs 8, 9) - The Real Testimony truth = believing without seeing. see Thomas

✓ This is why U.S. so important - balance between God's action in Heaven, protecting their future, & His action on earth, protecting their present.

- Picture of fortress - inside - outside evil forces assaulting us - But God's power is protecting us = In midst of sorrows often seem abandoned by God - But in midst we are KEPT - martyred & slaughtered, yet KEPT = Guard is on duty 24 hrs a day ~~# PETER~~, an authority on this

Grace - Presence emphasizes our need for continual protection & the continuing struggle of the soul - undeserved suffering

✓ I - Trials are Expected - v. 7 - 5:12 Take it for granted, They belong → "I never believed this could happen to me" - 2 - May be only a trial to us - not to others. Why

~~Charismatics are so popular - woman in Alvin, TX = Escape all trials. 3. Manifold - plurality & different diversified~~

~~they are scattered "for a season"~~ - v. 6 Cf 4:10

3. Manifold = - Being one kind & then another = See 4:10 - of the manifold grace of God = a grace for every trial.

II - Trials Are Limited - "for a season." - will have an end - ~~design~~ Just long enough to accomplish its task! Link up w/ next phrase - "if need be"

I - You Will Survive - Cf Rom 8:38, 39 = "Any other creature - the are created things, as limited as we are

III - Trials Are Permitted - "If need be" - 1. Under the control of God for the good of His children = write over it = PERMITTED

1 - To Prove us v. 7. 2 - Purify = burn off dross

3 - To Prepare us - eye & hand is "not seeing but believing" - the wisdom of God

Absence of God

v. 5 = Kept

- LIMITED
1. in Duration = "for a season"
  2. in intensity - 9:10 - "Manifold Grace of God"
  3. in nature, power. Rom 8:37 - "creature" - created

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