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## **The Glory of Trials and Tribulation**

Our God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is a consuming fire. It is a fearful thing to fall into His hands. From the fall in the Garden of Eden to the final battle at the end of the Millennium He has been saving the lost and refining the saved through trial and tribulation. It has been observed that the Bible, and history for that matter, is a series of trials and tribulations with God at work in middle of it all. In every dispensation of time those that belong to God are to count it all joy when they fall into tribulations. We can do this only because God is indeed there with us in the middle of, and in the promised glorious aftermath, of them all. However we don't need to wait for a lifetime of experience to know this is true. We can be assured of it by seeing it displayed throughout His Word. Then we will prove it to be true as we experience it in our living here and hereafter.

I. Why ask why? - **1Pet 4:12-14; 1Pet 5:9-10; 1Cor 10:13; 2Tim 3:12; Rom 5:3-5**

II. God's way: Revealing and Refining

- a. Adam and Eve – **Gen 3:9-11** - Revealing
- b. Cain – **Gen 4:6,9,10** - Revealing
- c. Jacob – **Gen 31:5-7, 41-42** – Revealing, Refining
- d. Joseph – **Acts 7:9-10** – Refining
- e. Job – **Job 42:5,6** – Revealing, Refining
- f. Judges – **Acts 13:20** – Revealing, Refining
- g. Christ – **Mal 3:1-3; Luke 2:34,35** – Revealing, Refining
- h. Paul – **2Tim 3:10-12** - Refining

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