

## Refiner's Fire

[Titus 2:14](#) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

“Our **pride, selfishness, evil passions, and love of worldly pleasure** must all be overcome; therefore God sends us afflictions to test and prove us, and show us that these evils exist in our characters.” *God's Amazing Grace 89*

“Through **tribulation and distress** the Christian becomes purified and strengthened, and develops a character after the model that Christ has given.” *God's Amazing Grace 89.3*

[Mal 3:3](#) And he shall sit [as] a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall **purify** the sons of Levi, and **purge** them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

“Sorrow and trial must come to all, and is beautiful only as it works to **polish**, to **sanctify**, and **refine** the soul as a fit instrument to do service for the Lord.” *Letter 69, 1897*

“Man has been placed in a world of sorrow, care, and perplexity. He is placed here to be tested and proved, as were Adam and Eve, that he may develop a **right character** and **bring harmony** out of discord and confusion.” *Reflecting Christ 301*

“... that tribulation might work in you **patience**, and patience **experience**, and experience **hope**. The trials He permitted to come upon you were that through the exercise of these you would experience the peaceable fruits of righteousness. . . .” *This Day with God 306*

“God would lead you through affliction and trials that you might have **more perfect trust and confidence in Him** and that you might think less of your own judgment.” *This Day with God 306*

“This the Lord ascertains by trying us. In the furnace of affliction he purifies us from all dross. He sends us trials, not to cause us needless pain, but to lead us to look to him, **to strengthen our endurance, to teach us that if we do not rebel, but put our trust in him, we shall see of his salvation.**” *Review and Herald, June 20, 1907 par. 2*

“He sends trials to you to make **you strong to do and to suffer for him.**” *Review and Herald, June 20, 1907 par. 4*

“It is through much tribulation that we are to enter the kingdom of God. The followers of Christ will often be sorely tried and afflicted.” *Signs of the Times, February 5, 1902*

[Mat 7:14](#) “Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

“When He permits trials and afflictions, it is for our profit, that we may be **partakers of His holiness**. If received in faith, the trial that seems so bitter and hard to bear will prove a blessing. The cruel blow that blights the joys of earth will be the means of turning our eyes to heaven. How many there are who would never have known Jesus had not sorrow led them to seek comfort in Him.” *Signs of the Times, February 5, 1902 par. 5*

[Pro 17:3](#) “The fining pot [is] for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.”

“For every class of temptations **there is a remedy**. We are not left to ourselves to fight the battle against self and our sinful natures in our own finite strength. Jesus is a mighty helper, a never-failing support. . . . None need fail or become discouraged, when such ample provision has been made for us.” *Our High Christ 88*

1 Corinthians 10:13 “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also **make a way to escape**, that ye may be able to bear [it].”

“Temptations may be all around you, yet you are safe as long as you **do not enter into them**. Many of us are overcome by Satan because we walk right into temptation. . . .” *Our High Calling 132*

“Are the wicked free from disappointment, perplexity, earthly losses, poverty, and distress? Many of them suffer a lingering sickness, yet have no strong and mighty One to lean upon, no strengthening grace from a higher power to support them in their weakness.” *Our High Christ 9*

“The Christian is subject to sickness, disappointment, poverty, reproach, and distress. Yet amid all this **he loves God**, he **chooses to do His will**, and **prizes nothing so highly as His approbation**. In the conflicting trials and changing scenes of this life, **he knows that there is One who knows it all**, One **who will bend His ear low to the cry of the sorrowful and distressed**, One **who can sympathize with every sorrow and soothe the keen anguish of every heart**. . . .” *Our High Calling 9*

“Amid all his affliction, the Christian has **strong consolation**. And if God permits him to suffer a lingering, distressing sickness before he closes his eyes in death, he can with **cheerfulness bear it all**. . . .” *Our High Calling 9*

“We also need to learn that trials **mean benefit**, and **not to despise the chastening of the Lord**, nor faint when we are rebuked of Him.” *Signs of the Times, February 5, 1902*

[Job 5:17](#) “Behold, **happy [is]** the man whom God correcteth: therefore **despise not** thou the chastening of the Almighty:”

“But in order to endure the test, you must have that **faith**, that abiding confidence in God, that will not be disturbed by the arguments and temptations of the deceiver.” *Review and Herald, April 17, 1894*

“We will **not complain** of the roughness of the way, but will be meek followers of Jesus, treading in His footsteps. . . . We **will rejoice in tribulation** and keep in mind the recompense of reward, the “far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.” *Reflecting Christ 350*

“We will **not have a murmuring thought** because we have trials. God's dear children always had them, and every trial well endured here, will only make us rich in glory.” *Reflecting Christ 350*