

The Exams of Life

I Peter 4:12-16

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you”

I. The Program of Exams

A. Exams are for _____.

- *“Beloved”*

B. Exams are _____.

- *“think it not strange”*
- *“as though some strange thing happened unto you”*

C. Exams are _____ and often

- _____.
- *“the fiery trial”*

II. The Purpose of Exams

Psalm 66:10

“For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.”

A. To _____ and _____ our lives

1. To bring our impurities to the surface
2. To reveal our weaknesses, to expose our faults

B. To prove the _____ of our faith

1. To see ourselves as God sees us
2. To learn something about ourselves

• Job 23:10

“But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”

III. The Perspective in Exams

A. God's Perspective

James 1:3-4

1. Tests develop _____.

2. Tests produce _____.

- _____ never made a _____, neither does an easy life produce _____.

B. The Believer's Perspective

1. Earthly

Our Priority (main concern)

- To bring _____, _____, and _____ to God
- I Peter 4:16; 1:7

2. Heavenly

II Cor. 4:17-18

a. Our afflictions are _____ and _____.

b. They produce for us _____ that are "exceeding" (weighty, beyond measure) and "eternal."

- Romans 8:18
"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."
- You will only pass the exam by bringing glory, honor, and praise to God.