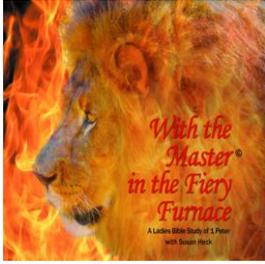


Questions to Consider—With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Lesson 20—1 Peter 4:12-14—
What to do in the Furnace—Part I—What To Do In The Furnace—Part I

(PLEASE GLANCE AT QUESTION EIGHT FIRST-THANKS)



1. (a) As you read 1 Peter chapter four, which themes do you discover that Peter has already written about in the previous three chapters? (b) Why do you think he repeats these themes?
2. Memorize 1 Peter 4:12.
3. (a) Who comes to your mind as a biblical example of someone who suffered for Christ? (b) What do you learn from his/her example about how to go through suffering?
4. Peter writes of suffering for the name of Christ in 1 Peter 4:14. (a) What types of suffering for Christ are mentioned in Matthew 19:29; Acts 5:40, 41; Acts 21:13, and Revelation 20:4? (b) How do these compare to your present sufferings?
5. (a) What was Paul's desire in Philippians 3:10, 11? (b) Why did he desire this? (c) Is this *your* desire? (d) What does Paul say about suffering in Philippians 1:29? (e) Do *you* view suffering as a gift?
6. In their epistles, Peter and Paul both mention rejoicing in our sufferings (1 Peter 4:13 and Colossians 1:24). (a) What are the reasons they give for rejoicing? (b) What do you think Paul meant when he wrote, "fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church."
7. According to Matthew 5:11, 12; Acts 5:41; 16:25-33; Romans 5:3-5; 2 Corinthians 4:17; 12:9, 10; James 1:2-4, what are some other biblical reasons we should rejoice in our sufferings?
8. Observe your responses this week to trials that come your way. (a) How did you respond? (b) Were you surprised by your trials or by your reaction to them? (c) Did you respond with an attitude of joy? (d) What did you learn about yourself and your attitude towards life's difficulties?
9. What is difficult for you during a trial? Is it your attitude? Your endurance? Is it something else? Put your need in the form of a prayer request.