



Saturday & Sunday, May 3 & 4, 2014 Ray Davis

Sermon Notes

“Fiery Trials²”

Holiness (wholeness) and hardship are inextricably connected. Fiery trials don't have to make you bitter but can make you better. It's not what happens TO you but IN you that matters most. It's your Biblical world view or lack thereof that makes you or breaks you.

1Peter 1:3-9

Doctrinal truths (BWV) that must go from my head to my heart through spiritual disciplines to fire proof my life:

We are born again v3, 23 (Eph2:1, 4-5)

We have a living hope v3 (Rom8:28-30)

We have a permanent inheritance v4 (Rom8:16-17; Mark1:11; Ps16:5, 73:23)

We have divine protection vv5-6 (Dan3:16-18)

We have a developing faith vv6-7 (Heb12:3-11)

We have a satisfying Savior v8 (Ps16:11; 23:1; 27:4; 34:8; 37:4; 43:4; 63:3)

We have a sure salvation v9 (Rom5:1; Phil1:6; 1John3:2)

Growing Notes

1) It's not what happens TO me but what happens IN me (my response) that either molds me or melts me in fiery trials. Explain. A Biblical world view is a belief system (way of thinking) about how the world works consistent with the Bible. How does your Biblical world view or lack of one contribute to you either becoming bitter or better through life's fiery trials?

2) Read 1Peter 1:3-9. What stands out to you from this text? What is Peter saying that we can rejoice in (v6 in this you rejoice...) while going through fiery trials? Why must these doctrinal truths go from our head to our heart through spiritual disciplines to fire proof our lives? What spiritual disciplines do you practice to reinforce your Biblical world view (1Tim4:7-8)?

3) Take some time and review the seven doctrinal truths and cross references from the sermon notes that will help to build an arsenal to protect you in the fiery trials of life. Which one(s) most resonate with you? List some of the specific ways that these doctrinal truths can help you in fiery trials (i.e. Being born again makes us alive to the presence, power & peace of God to face anything).

4) What kind of fiery trials are you currently going through? How can you begin to apply these doctrinal truths specific to where your heart is most struggling? Pray through these doctrinal truths asking God to make them more real to you than ever before. Pray for those in the db family that are going through fiery trials and that we would be a church of compassion and comfort (2Cor.1:3-4).