

In God's image

Part 3

1 Peter 1:6-9

⁶ *In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls*

Malachi 3:1-4

¹ *"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.*

² *But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.*

- 1) Is verse 6 saying that grief is ungodly?
- 2) In what ways should you rejoice in trials?
- 3) Is all hardship a refining trial?
- 4) How important is sight to believe and love? V8
- 5) Is faith just about salvation?
- 6) Is the day of the coming messenger a good or bad day? Malachi 3:2
- 7) What is God's main charge against Israel here? Verse 3
- 8) What will change after his refining? Verse 4
- 9) What an acceptable offering today?