

THE FIERY TRIAL EXPLAINED
(1 Peter 4:17-19)

- I. The NECESSITY of Christians' Suffering (1 Pet. 4:17*a*)
 - A. The TIME has come
 - B. It is a time for JUDGMENT
 - 1. A PROCESS, not a VERDICT
 - 2. STARTS with "the HOUSEHOLD of GOD"
 - 3. Demonstrates His HOLY intolerance of SIN
 - 4. Provides PROOF that our JUDGE is also our FATHER

- II. The IMPLICATIONS of Christians' Suffering (1 Pet. 4:17*b*-18)
 - A. The next PHASE of judgment will be MORE SEVERE
 - 1. It begins with BELIEVERS for our PURIFICATION
 - 2. "The OUTCOME" points to their DESTINY
 - 3. Unbelievers' sin is DISOBEYING the GOSPEL of GOD
 - B. There is a stark CONTRAST between the Christian and his ADVERSARY
 - 1. The Christian ENDURES DIFFICULTY, but will BE SAVED

2. Unbelievers will be CONDEMNED to eternal PUNISHMENT
 - a. They DISREGARD God
 - b. They live in ACTIVE REBELLION against God's law

III. The EXHORTATION to Christians Suffering (1 Pet. 4:19)

- A. Our suffering is ACCORDING TO the WILL OF GOD
- B. Believers must ENTRUST our SOULS to God
 1. We are to CONTINUALLY deposit ourselves into His CARE
 2. He is our CREATOR
 3. He is always FAITHFUL
- C. Believers must CONTINUE doing GOOD