

Sermon Reflections

[3 THINGS] *Now Concealed; Will Be Revealed* (1 Peter 1:1-9)

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Summary: Our secure future in Christ motivates a faith that perseveres through trials, love that grows in grace, and hope that rejoices in the coming Savior.

1. Your Redemption Is Secure and Is Ready (vv. 3-5)

A Living Hope • An Inheritance • A Salvation

- How does a believer today relate to the exiles Peter wrote to in 1 Peter? What might be some commonality we share with the saint of old?
- Why is our hope secure? Can that change, if so why or why not?

2. Your Faith Will Be Tested and Will Be Proven (vv. 6-7)

Tested for a Little While • Tested with Purpose • Tested for Praise and Glory

- Do you find yourself living daily by faith or by routine? (Routine meaning we have a set schedule and anything outside that is an inconvenience; where by faith we patiently accept each event in our day as given by the Lord Himself). Which behavior leads to a peaceful and joyful attitude? Why?
- Do you see the same tests in your life over and over again? Why do you think that is? What is the purpose of the tests the Lord brings your way? For what are they designed? How can you best prepare for these tests or trials?
- From the sermon, how long is a “little while”?
- Have you stopped to think that you are to be an example to others during a trial and that it is a teaching opportunity to encourage others in the faith? How does that look when we just complain? Did it turn out well for the Israelites?
- Do you find yourself refusing to learn from the trial or do you take refuge in God during it? Why do you respond in that manner? How can you improve your response for the next trial?

3. Your Savior Is Alive and He Will Appear (vv. 7-9)

You Love Him • You Rejoice In Him • You Hope In Him • You Will See Him!

- During trials do you experience joy? This is one fruit of the Holy Spirit given to believers. If this is hindered from growing and being manifested, what can you do about it?
- Just as an athlete works hard to train and compete for a prize, what is the prize that awaits those in 1 Peter? Is that prize the same for us? Do you see the prize ahead of you as you undergo a trial? If not, how can that be changed? *In what* do you find yourself hoping today?