

**HOW ARE BELIEVERS TO HANDLE TRIALS?
LEARNING TO LOOK AT TRIALS FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE
1Peter 1:6-9**

- I. **REJOICE IN YOUR SALVATION IN CHRIST:** It was planned, it gives present hope, is eternal and is protected (6a, 1-5)

- II. *Rejoice in your salvation,* **UNDERSTANDING THE REALITY AND NATURE OF TRIALS (6b)**
 - A. They are temporal
 - B. They are not always necessary
 - C. They are distressing
 - D. They are varied

- III. *Rejoice in your salvation,* **UNDERSTANDING THE REASON FOR TRIALS (7)**
 - A. **They purify us** and make us like Christ
 - B. **They prove our faith** in Jesus
 - C. **They result in future praise** when Jesus comes

- IV. *Rejoice in your salvation,* **UNDERSTANDING HOW WE ARE TO THUS RESPOND TO TRIALS (8-9)**
 - A. Though you do not see Him continue to **Love Him** (8a)
 - B. Though you do not see Him continue to **believe Him** (8a)
 - C. **Rejoice** as you obtain the outcome of your faith...salvation (8b-9)