

A Glorious Salvation Calls for A Golden Faith
I Peter 1:3-11

Praise for God, 1:3-5

- *Even more things God has mercifully done for us are listed!
Born again to a living hope
Inheritance reserved in heaven (described w/3 alliterative negs.)
Protected by the power of God.
- *But how are we divinely *protected* (lit. guarded / secured) if we suffer? Some do poorly too, Lk. 8:13. See Jn. 10:26-29

Problems believers will face, 1:6-9

- **If necessary* = God wills it to be so, 4:19.
 - **Distressed by various trials* = vexed by various temptations / trials / problems (ambiguous term), Js. 1:2,
 - **For a little while* = not a promise our problems will be brief, but idea of comparative brevity in light of eternity, 2 Cor. 4:17, Heb. 11:25b.
 - *Gold analogy: to determine and deepen your faith. *Proof / genuineness of your faith* recalls 2 Cor. 8:8--*proof of your love*.
 - *Why does Peter compare our faith to gold?
- *Sad but glad: Rom. 5:3, Js. 1:2, Mtt. 5:11,12, I Pt. 4:12,13.

Perplexity of prophets and angels, 1:10-12

- *Curiosity of the prophets about Messiahs' coming / timetable (Dan. 12:8) was great, as piecing neg. and pos. elements of Messiah's coming are given . . . John the Baptist included, Lk. 7:20.
 - *Curiosity of the angelics is likewise great (*angels long to look*) = a really strong compulsion to peer down into something (*peering* used in Jn. 20:5,11).
- *What is the point of all this great curiosity in our issue of salvation?