

**³The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold,
but the LORD tests the heart.**

Proverbs 17:3 (NIV)

**²¹The crucible for silver and the furnace for
gold, but people are tested by their praise.**

Proverbs 27:21 (NIV)

**Everything of real value
gets tested for authenticity**

³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.

Malachi 3:3 (NIV)

³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, ⁴and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. ⁵And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

**⁶So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while.
⁷These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.**

1 Peter 1:3-7 (NLT)

It's Just

A Test

“We are always in the forge, or on the anvil; by trials God is shaping us for higher things.”

Henry Ward Beecher

**Our Test Comes
With A Shield &
A Reward**

The Promise: *We have and inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power.*

The Reward: *“So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.”*

1 Peter 1:4-5, 7

**Our Test Has
Real Fire**

**“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep
to gain that which he cannot lose.”**

Jim Elliot

“Trials are medicines which our gracious and wise physician prescribes, because we need them; and he proportions the frequency and weight of them to what the case requires. Let us trust in his skill, and thank him for his prescription.”

John Newton