

James 1:2-4

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

1 Peter 4:12-13

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”



***Fiery Trials &
Fervent Prayer***

**Zechariah 13:7-9,
Isaiah 37:1-21ff, et al.**



1. God puts His people through the fire to awaken earnest prayer.

Malachi 3:2-3

“But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, ...”



Hebrews 12:6

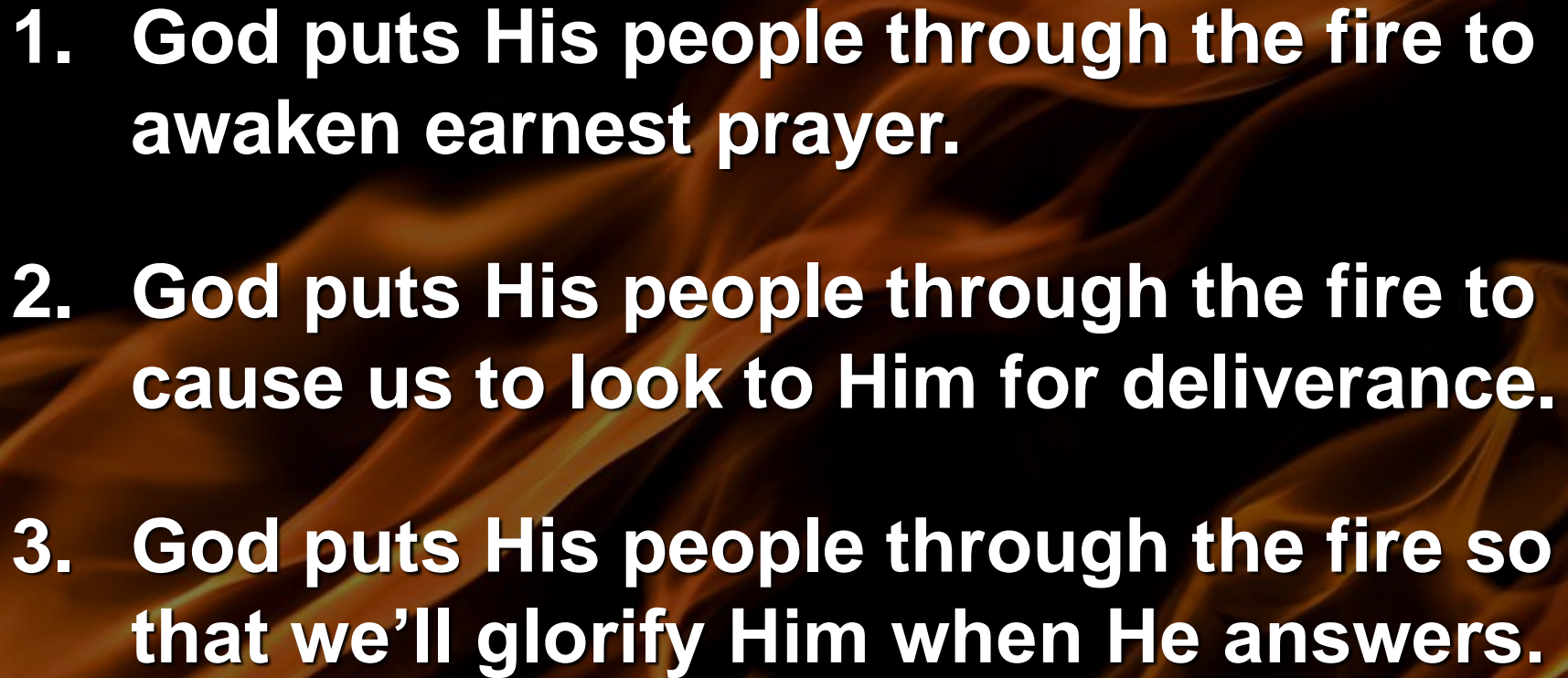
“For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.”

1 Peter 4:12

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.”

“It is therefore necessary that we should be subject, from first to last, to the scourges of God, in order that we may from the heart call on him; for our hearts are enfeebled by prosperity, so that we cannot make the effort to pray.”

~ John Calvin, ca. 1550

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 - 2. God puts His people through the fire to cause us to look to Him for deliverance.**
 - 3. God puts His people through the fire so that we'll glorify Him when He answers.**



John 14:13

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”



1 John 5:14

**“And this is the confidence that we have
in him, that, if we ask any thing
according to his will, he heareth us.”**

2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

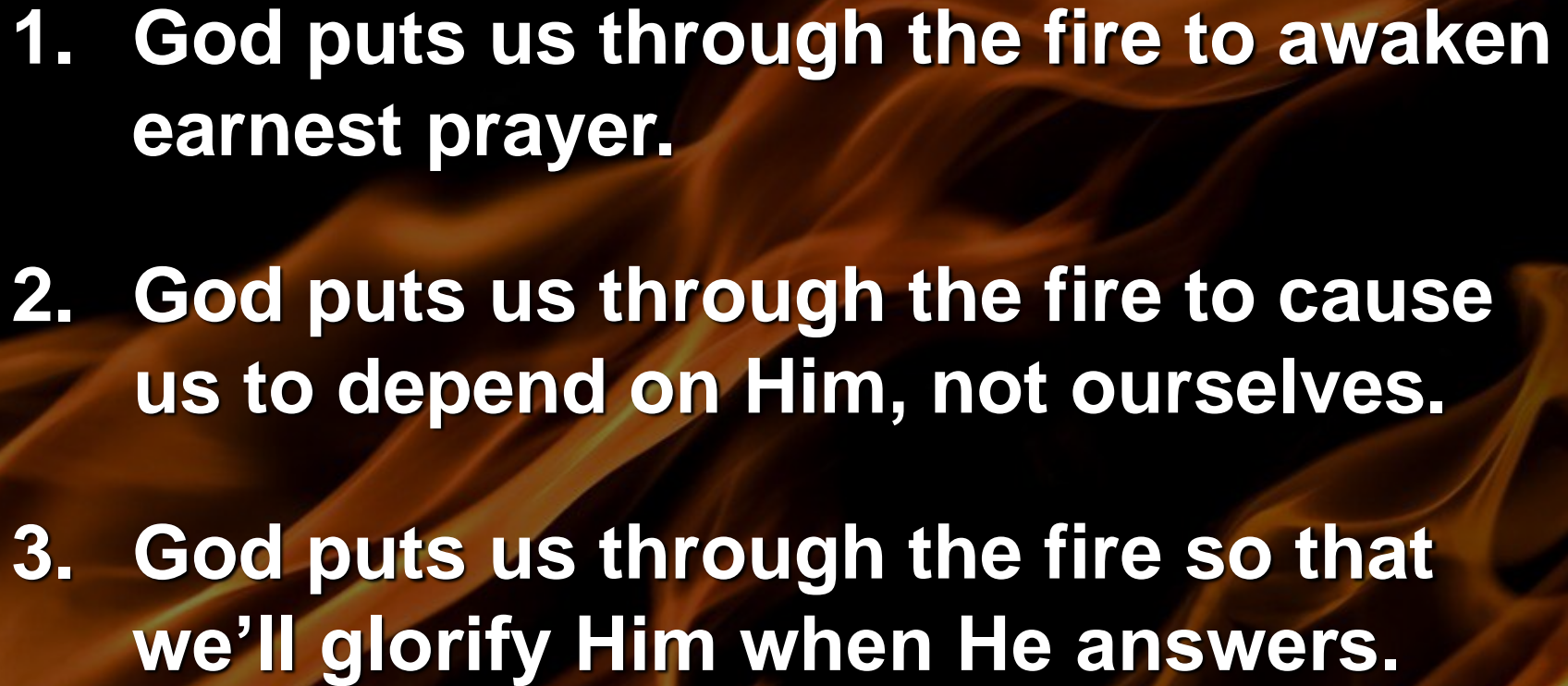
**“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:
2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.”**

Romans 15:30-31

**“Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;
31 That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints.”**

Colossians 4:3-4

“Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: 4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.”

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