

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

**TESTED BY FIRE**

**1 Peter 1:6,7**

1. What we are when the Lord saves us: like crude ore
  
2. In the crucible of suffering, God's refining fire ...
  - a. reveals and removes impurities
  
  - b. purifies and proves the true gold of God-given faith
  
  - c. & in these ways brings glory to the great Craftsman
  
3. Even our Savior was refined in the crucible of suffering –  
Not for His sins, but for ours

*The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold,  
and the Lord tests hearts.*

**Proverbs 17:3**

<sup>8</sup> *Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
<sup>9</sup> who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.*

<sup>10</sup> *For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.*

<sup>11</sup> *You brought us into the net;  
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;*

<sup>12</sup> *you let men ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.*

**Psalm 66**