

**1. Created to reflect the image of our Creator**

- a) Genesis 1:26-27 What important truths are found in this inspired account of creation?
- b) How do we see the image of God in human beings marred after the entrance of sin? Genesis 3:6-13, 4:8, 6:5, Romans 1:18-25
- c) What story in the Scriptures impacts you as an illustration of how far human beings can fall from God's ideal for their lives?

**2. Restoring the image of God in our lives**

- a) What is God's plan for every repentant sinner through the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ? Romans 8:29-30, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
- b) How does our loving Creator and Redeemer restore His image in our sin-damaged lives? John 15:1-5, Philippians 1:6, etc.
- c) Why does the LORD sometimes allow fiery trials to come as part of His refining process for our lives?
- d) Consider the experience of Job. What fiery trial did he endure? How does his testimony recorded in Job 19:25-26 and Job 23:1-10 demonstrate that this refining fire was accomplishing God's purpose for his life?
- e) What other Bible characters faced a fiery trial and came out more fully reflecting the image of their Creator and Redeemer? Daniel 3:14-18, 19-28

- f) Was the fire in the fiery furnace on the Plain of Dura Nebuchadnezzar's fire, or God's refining fire?
- g) What fiery trials has God allowed you to experience as part of His refining work in your life?
- h) James 1:2-5 How is it possible to welcome suffering and trials rather than simply endure them?

**3. Saved by grace and transformed by grace**

- a) Why is it important to always remember we are not only saved by grace, but the image of God is also restored in us by grace? Ephesians 2:8-10
- b) What story of Jesus illustrates the transformation that occurs in the life of His redeemed children? Matthew 25:31-40, etc.
- c) Where do you see the image of God reflected in the conduct of the early Christians even in times of suffering and trial? Acts 2:44-47, 4:32-35, etc.
- d) What prophecy did the prophet Daniel give about the image of God being reflected in His redeemed children in the troubled last days of earth's history? Daniel 12:1-3
- e) What is your response to God's beautiful plan for each one of us? Ephesians 4:11-16

