

praising God from the pit: suffering and worship

1 Peter 1:6–7

Worship is not an hour when you forget your hardships and afflictions. It is a spiritual discipline whereby we honestly and humbly bring our needs before our loving Lord. As we speak the Word to our suffering soul, we are worshipping with purity.

I. The Facts about Suffering.

- A. We live in a _____
where _____.
- B. Afflictions are _____ & _____.
- C. God uses fire to produce _____,
not to _____ (James 1:2–4).
- D. Suffering teaches us what we are slow to learn.

II. The Future for the Righteous Sufferer.

- A. Bright as the _____.
- B. Filled with the _____.

Joy does not come from ease of life, but from blessings through Christ. God's will is for us to be thankful in any situation.