

ISAIAH
The Furnace of Affliction
Isaiah 48:1-11

Mac Williams, Pastor
November 13, 2016

- 1. The Lord tests His people when He confronts them about the genuineness of their _____.**
 - a. It is a good thing when people have a godly heritage and _____ faith in the Lord.
 - b. A right profession of faith will be characterized by a _____ and a life that trusts in the Lord.

- 2. The Lord tests His people when He confronts them about _____ and acting on His Word.**
 - a. Biblical prophecies declared and fulfilled by the Lord should be an encouragement to believers.
 - 1) _____ is evidence of a hard heart.
 - 2) Failure to acknowledge the Lord's providential work is evidence of _____.

- b. God calls all to hear and believe the Word of God, even those with _____ ears.

- 3. The Lord brings affliction to refine His people and they can be hopeful in it because the glory of His _____ is at stake.**
 - a. God _____ His wrath in affliction, not because of people's goodness, but for the praise of His name.
 - b. God's commitment to His own glory is supreme in all things, therefore His work is _____ to be accomplished, in spite of the sinfulness of the world and of His people.