

***Studies in Job – Part 9: “Though He Slay Me, Yet Will I Trust Him”***  
Job 13:11-19

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**Exposition:** *Job’s Faith Purified in the Fire;*  
*One of the great “confessions of faith” to be found in the Scriptures.*

## **1. The Furnace of Testing**

- (1) Job suffers greatly and cannot make any sense of his suffering
- (2) He feels that God has abandoned him – worse, that God is against him!
- (3) His friends continue to press him, alleging that he must be in sin,  
Else all these things would not have come upon him.
- (4) they do not speak truly concerning God or His ways
  - they portray themselves as being “spokesmen” for God
  - they cannot truly speak from sanctified experience, as Job can

## **2. The Outcome**

### **(1) The “Dross” of sin**

- 1- some sin will commonly be seen “coming to the surface” in every true test
- 2- such “dross” is seen in proper perspective only by those of faith
  - it is not to be excused!
  - but it is not representative of the true man
- 3- Job’s defense and plea (14)      *“Why do I take my flesh in my teeth,  
and put my life in my hands?”*  
  
“I speak as one who is tested!  
“I do not speak merely from ‘theory,’ as you do!”

### **(2) The “Pure Metal” of Faith**      *“Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.”*

- 1- When a man is severely tested, we see more fully what is in him.
- 2- When a man is severely tested, he knows himself better and he knows God better.
  - a deepened confession.
  - he speaks from experience
  - Romans 5:4 “patience produces experience”
- 3- every saint has such testing. – personal testing from God (discipline).
  - Without it, a person has no true experience of God!
- 4- every saint makes this same confession

### **Some further Application:**

1. An important lesson concerning the testing of our faith:  
We should not be utterly downcast when, amidst testing, we see a mixture.
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