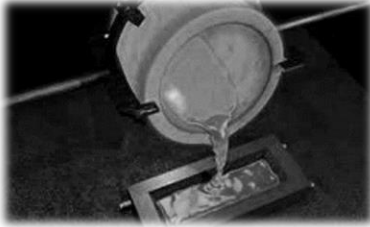


SERIES: WISDOM FROM ABOVE  
"THE WISDOM OF SEEKING GOLD"

*"The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold:  
but the LORD trieth the hearts."  
Proverbs 17:3*

**TEXT: PROVERBS 17:3**

I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ GOD USES  
*Proverbs 17:3a; 1 Chronicles 28:18, 29:4*



II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ GOD MAKES  
*Proverbs 17:3b*

A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ GOD DESIRES  
*Job 23:10, Romans 8:28-29, Psalm 17:15*

God's goal in the believer's life is:

**CHRIST-LIKENESS!**

B. THE \_\_\_\_\_ GOD USES  
*Jeremiah 17:10*

We see **God** doing this with **the nation of Israel**:

*Genesis 15:13-16*

*Deuteronomy 4:20, Isaiah 48:10, Jeremiah 11:4, 1 Kings 8:51*

We see **Christ** instructing **His disciples** of this:

*John 15:1-2*



III. THE \_\_\_\_\_ GOD DESIRES  
*James 1:2-4*

Three biblical truths about trials:

A. THEY ARE ALWAYS FOR OUR \_\_\_\_\_ AND  
FOR GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Romans 8:28*

B. THEY ARE DESIGNED TO \_\_\_\_\_  
US, NOT \_\_\_\_\_ US.  
*Proverbs 17:3*



C. WE CAN GET THROUGH ANY  
TRIAL \_\_\_\_\_.  
*1 Corinthians 10:13, Philippians 4:13*