

**Studies in Job – Part 9:**  
**“Though He Slay Me, Yet Will I Trust Him”**  
**Job 13:15**

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*Job’s faith is purified in the fire.*

*One of the truly great “confessions of faith” to be found in the Scriptures!*

**Overview of the Chapter:**

Job’s Rebuttal of his friends vv. 1-14  
Job’s Confession of faith vv. 15-16  
Job’s Renewed Appeal to God vv. 17-28

## 1. The Furnace of Testing

- (1) Job suffers greatly and cannot make any sense of his suffering.
- (2) Job’s friends have continued to press him, alleging that he must be in sin, else all these things would not have come upon him.
  - **Thus Job again rebuts them!** vv. 2, 4, 5, 9, 12
- (3) Job feels that God has abandoned him – or worse, that God is against him!

## 2. The Outcome

### (1) The “Dross” of Sin

- Some sin will commonly be seen “coming to the surface” in every true test!
- Such “dross” is seen in proper perspective only by those of faith.
  - It is not to be excused!
  - But neither is it representative of the true man.
- **That “dross” can be seen in Job’s continued appeal to God:**
  - “*Why do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in my hands?*” v. 14  
i.e., Why should I attempt to preserve my life?
  - “*Behold, I have prepared my case; I know that I shall be in the right.*” v. 18  
Job justifies himself rather than God.
  - “*Why do you hide your face and count me as your enemy?*” v. 24  
i.e., You are against me, I know not why!
  - “*Will you frighten a driven leaf and pursue dry chaff?*” v. 25  
i.e., I am nothing; why do you keep pressing me?

## (2) The “Pure Metal” of Faith: Job’s Confession

vv. 15-16

### -1- It is an Imperfect Expression!

*“Though he slay me, I will hope in him;  
yet I will argue my ways to his face.  
This will be my salvation,  
that the godless shall not come before him.”*

- It is tainted with sin.

- He speaks out of his pain and frustration!
- He speaks from a mistaken sense that God is against him.

### - Job speaks “out of the shadows” of OT revelation

- He was still longing for a mediator – one who could assist in bringing him before God
- He did not know the full gospel comforts and intimacy which we enjoy.
- He is in large measure afraid of this awesome God. vv. 20-21

### -2- But its Foundational Elements are those of True Faith!

#### [1] Job will trust in God whatever may befall him!

*“Though he slay me,  
I will hope in him”*

An expression of perfect resignation.

“Whatever He may do to me, I will hope in Him.”

“Though He ultimately may kill me, I will hope in Him, trust in Him.”

#### [2] God will ultimately vindicate Job – and all of his saints – as His own, distinguishing between the righteous and the godless.

## Further Application:

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.
3. Every Christian has such testing – personal testing from God (discipline).
4. Every true Christian makes this same confession that Job makes