

Discussion on 1 Peter 1:3-12

1. When you think of heaven, what come to your mind?
2. After the introduction, where does Peter's mind go? What affects my "praise barometer"? How does Peter's focus enable him to keep his "praise-meter" high? How can we apply this to our daily lives?
3. (v.3-5) What do these verses say about our eternal destiny? What here can help us face difficulties in life, or questions about our eternal destiny?
4. (v.6-7) How long might suffering or grief last? How does an eternal perspective help when we are in pain? How does suffering help us look into eternity?
5. What do trial and grief do for our faith? Why would a loving God allow our faith to be tested?
6. (v.8-12) Can you share a time when you had a taste of "unspeakable joy" in your relationship with Christ? How does testing affect this?
7. What does Peter imply by saying the salvation of our souls is the goal of our faith?
8. In what sense do the prophets "serve us"? What role does the Old Testament play in your Christian life?
9. Angels are real, personal beings. Why do think the angels long to look into the salvation we so richly enjoy?