Discussion Questions

1. In the refining process, what is the relationship between God's love and His holiness?



THE BELLOWS

jeremiah 6.27-30

2. If God gives us our personalities, is not the "personality dross" also from God? Explain.

3. Give at least two practical examples of dross weakening our commitment to the Lord.

Personal Application

Where is God aiming the bellows in your life right now?

Thank Him for the fire and pray for strength to submit to the refining.

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Caleb or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

| A | |
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| | to the Lord. |
| E | ZEKIEL 22.18; MALACHI 1.14 |
| В | |
| our | to the Lord. |
| ls | баган 48.4 |
| . Our | _ is not |
| upon our | · |
| A. Even our "_ | ' |
| is | • |
| ls | баган 64.6 |
| B. God would | be |
| | to us |

2 PETER 3.9; JEREMIAH 11.14

C. God ______

_____ in us.

1 Peter 1.18-19; 2 Corinthians 3.18; 2 Corinthians 5.17

III. God _____ us

and _____ He _____ us.

A. _____ hates _____.

1 PETER 1.14-16; 2 CORINTHIANS 7.1

B. God ______ and _____ us for our _____.

ISAIAH 1.25; MALACHI 3.3; HEBREWS 12.5-6

IV. God's _____

is _____ than ours.

A. The ______ the _____,

the ______ the ______.

HEBREWS 12.11; MARK 2.17; JAMES 1.2-4

B. _____

means the Lord ______ ____ ____

2 PETER 1.3; PHILIPPIANS 1.6; ROMANS 2.4

_____ the _____!

Study Questions

 Isn't all of our worship mixed with dross? Are we "cheating" God every Sunday morning? From Malachi 1, explain your answer.

2. James 1.2 says that we come across trials "of various kinds." Some of these we bring on ourselves and some are thrust upon us. Are we to count both types as "all joy"? Explain and defend your answer.

3. Though no one has a "heart of god," all men and women are still valuable. How can this be? Defend your answer.

4. Most of this message dealt with God's role as the Refiner. What is our role as those being refined? Defend your answer.