

SERMON NOTES

VISION - LOOK AHEAD (PT. 5)

BY SUBASH CHERIAN, SENIOR PASTOR

7. The Testing Fire — What Endures?

Fire as a Symbol of God's Presence & Judgment

- Genesis 19:24 – Fire from heaven on Sodom and Gomorrah
- Deuteronomy 4:24 – “Our God is a consuming fire”
- Hebrews 12:29 – A reminder of God's holiness and power
- 1 Peter 1:7 – Trials test our faith as fire refines gold
- Revelation 1:14 – Christ's eyes like a flame of fire

The Judgment of Believers' Works

- 1 Corinthians 3:13–15 – Every work will be tested by fire

Spiritual Materials: What Are You Building With?

- **Gold** – Exodus 25:11, 17; 1 Peter 1:7 – Divine nature, enduring faith, purity
- **Silver** – Exodus 28:21; 2 Timothy 2:20 – Redemption, usefulness in God's house
- **Precious Stones** – Malachi 3:16–17 – Treasured people, eternal value
- **Wood** – Psalm 127:1 – Human effort without God is in vain
- **Hay** – Luke 15:16 – Temporary, carnal satisfaction
- **Stubble** – Exodus 5:12 – Fragile, worthless under fire
 - Revelation 7:17 – No More Tears
 - Revelation 21:4 – The End of All Sorrow

8. Don't Lose Your Reward

Pursue a Rewardable Life

- 2 John 1:8 – “Don't lose what we've worked for”
- 2 Peter 1:10 – Make your calling and election sure
- Revelation 2:10 – Be faithful unto death for the crown
- Revelation 3:11 – Hold fast so no one takes your crown

Finish Well

- 1 Corinthians 9:27 – Discipline to avoid disqualification
- 2 Timothy 4:7 – “I have finished the race...”
- 1 Samuel 9:17 – Saul chosen with purpose
- 1 Samuel 15:26 – Saul disqualified due to disobedience
- 2 Timothy 4:10 – Demas forsook Paul for the world