

**Devotional Thoughts :: He will purify us so that we may present offerings in righteousness****He will purify us so that we may present offerings in righteousness - posted by donnaemmons9, on: 2007/12/8 0:33**

Malachi 3:2 But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiners fire and like fullers soap. And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness.

Celebration by Lora Allison is a book I very much enjoy. It talks about holiness in the worship arts. A paragraph she has in this book says Can you remember when your mother used to scrub you mercilessly and you hated it? I have memories not quite that pleasant and much less merciful. As a victim of third degree burns from a car accident I had to submit my exposed nerve endings to the scrub brush in a chlorine filled tank to remove the dead skin to prepare for skin grafting. No matter how much I screamed, I knew it was necessary. I never pulled away. We must submit to the refining, cleansing and purifying of a most merciful God. We must willingly choose the furnace as a price of fellowship with Him. That which is unholy cannot stand before a holy God.

Prayer: Lord I pray that we desire You above all else. Help us to submit to Your purifying work in our lives. We choose not to pull away. Amen.

OUR greatest joy is in HIM - posted by HIServant (), on: 2007/12/8 6:23

Regardless the attacks against us, our greatest joys are in CHRIST and in daily service for HIM. No matter the pain of transformation, the far greater pleasure is that we are HIS workmanship, HIS poem's...HIS poems...all unique and all designed to walk through this life in preparation for the one with HIM eternally! Amen and amen.

Re: He will purify us so that we may present offerings in righteousness - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2007/12/8 18:54

Loving and merciful Savior, I offer myself as a living sacrifice to serve Your purpose and do Your will. Work in me by Your grace, work in me godliness, work in me holiness, work in me righteousness; work in me Your blessed Will, by Your Spirit, Lord; by Your Spirit.