

GOD SITS AS A SILVER REFINER AND PURIFIER

(Malachi 3:3)

Lessons from the story.

- *In moments of trial. God holds you in his hands and intently looks at you.*
- *When you feel the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eyes on you.*
- *He keeps watching you until He sees His image reflected in you.*

The Story

A Bible lover was puzzled by this Bible statement. He called a silversmith and made an appointment with him to watch him at work. He didn't mention anything about the reason for his interest, beyond his curiosity about the process of refining Silver.

As the silversmith, was at his work, he kept holding a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle, of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

For a while, our man thought why God should hold us in such a hot spot; then, he remember again Malachi's verse that says: 'God sits as a refiner and purifier of silver, and asked the silversmith whether it was required that he sat there in front of the fire all the time.

The man answered yes and added: "Not only I have to sit here holding the silver in my hands , but I have to keep my eyes on the silver all the time it is in the fire, until is fully purified, If the silver were to be left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed".

Our Bible lover was silent for a moment. Then, he asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled and answered, "Oh, that's easy --when I see my image reflected in it"

(Adapted from a story of unknown authorship)

