

HOPE and HOLINESS

in a hostile world

STUDIES IN 1 PETER

J. Sidlow Baxter's outline of 1 Peter ...

Introductory Greeting (1:1-2)

A. The Living Hope—and What Goes with It (1:3-2:10)

B. The Pilgrim Life—and How to Live It (2:11-4:11)

C. The Fiery Trial—and How to Bear It (4:12-5:11)

Concluding Greeting (5:12-14)



Facing the Fiery Trial

1 Peter 4:12-13

In order to triumph in the face of fiery trials ...

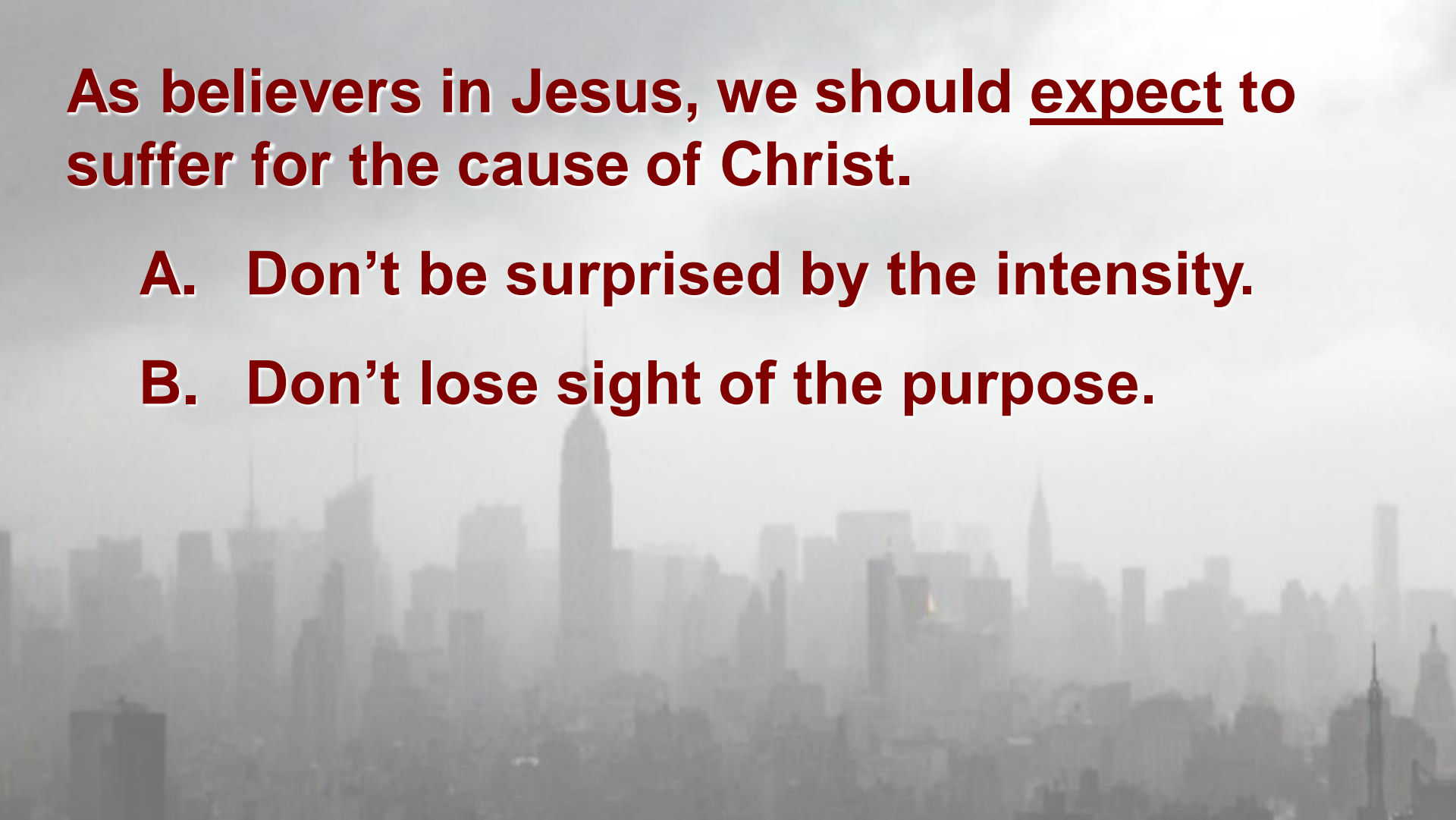
- 1. Expect to suffer for the cause of Christ.**
- 2. Rejoice in those trials.**
- 3. Examine the cause for your suffering.**
- 4. Commit yourself to God's care.**

→ ¹Expect, ²Exult, ³Examine, ⁴Entrust

As believers in Jesus, we should expect to suffer for the cause of Christ.

A. Don't be surprised by the intensity.

B. Don't lose sight of the purpose.



Stanza 1

**I asked the Lord, that I might grow
In faith, and love, and every grace;
Might more of His salvation know,
And seek more earnestly His face.**

Stanza 2

**'Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
And He, I trust, has answered prayer!
But it has been in such a way,
As almost drove me to despair.**

Stanza 3

**I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request,
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my sins and give me rest.**

Stanza 4

**Instead of this, He made me feel
The hidden evils of my heart;
And let the angry powers of hell
Assault my soul in every part.**

Stanza 5

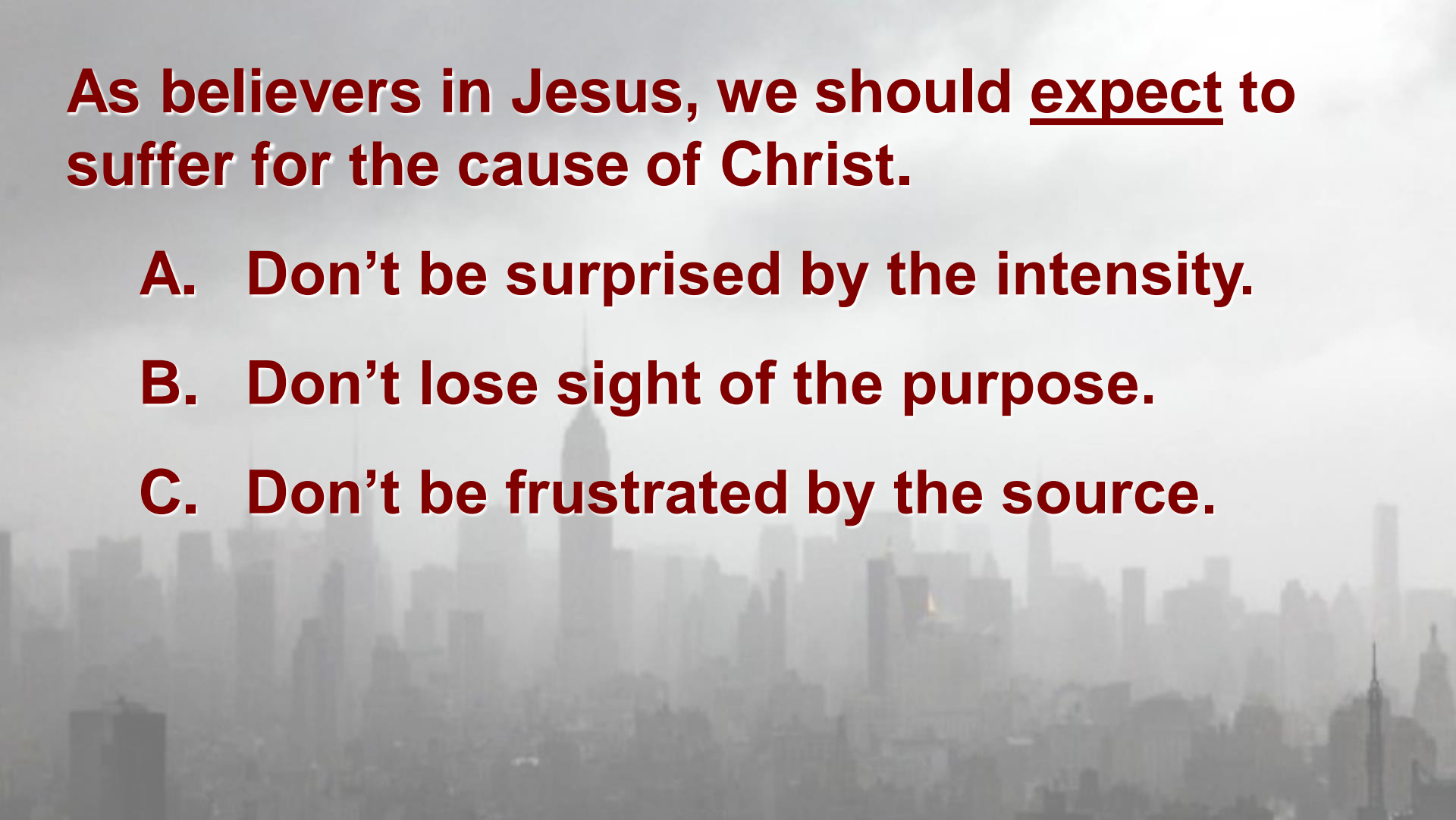
**Yea more, with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe;
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,
Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.**

Stanza 6

**“Lord, why is this?” I trembling cried,
“Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?”
“Tis in this way,” the Lord replied,
“I answer prayers for grace and faith.”**

Stanza 7

**“These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free;
And break thy schemes of earthly joy,
That thou may'st seek thine all in me.”**

A grayscale, foggy background image of a city skyline, likely New York City, with the Empire State Building prominently visible in the center. The text is overlaid on this background.

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- C. Don't be frustrated by the source.**

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