

# **“Arm Yourself”**

**1 Pt 4:1-12**

## **Introduction:**

- A. For impending “fiery trial” (v.12) – Probably events leading to destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.
- B. Life’s troubles “manifold” (1 Pet 1:6; Job 14:1)
  - 1. Hardship and ease (cf. Amos 6:1)
  - 2. Poverty and prosperity (Prov 30:8-9)
  - 3. Peter lists certain arms we can take up to prepare for difficult times.
- C. We should arm ourselves with:

## **Discussion:**

- I. A Saintly Character (vv. 1-5)**
  - A. A mind to suffer for Christ (v. 1)
  - B. Dedication to God’s will (v. 2)
  - C. Separation from will of Gentiles (v. 3)
  - D. Void of popularity seeking (v. 4)
  - E. Awareness of God’s judgment (v. 5)
- II. A Sober Mind (v.7)**
  - A. “Of Sound mind” (ASV) - “Clear minded” (NIV)
  - B. A mind to pray rather than panic (cf. Phil 4:6-7)
  - C. A mind to keep emotions in check under pressure
    - 1. Prevents a run away zeal (cf. Rm 10:1-4)
    - 2. Prevents a run away anger or fear
  - D. A mind to prevent rashness
    - 1. Moses acted rashly in striking the rock (Num. 20:10-12)
    - 2. James and John acted rashly in wanting to call fire from heaven (Lk 9:54-55)
- III. A Strong Love (v. 8)**
  - A. Strong enough to cover sin (cf. Prov. 17:9; Jas 5:19-20)
  - B. Strong enough to obey God in everything (1 Jn 5:1-3)
  - C. Strong enough to bind us together (Col. 2:2)
- IV. A Sincere Service (v. 9)**
  - A. Serving each other helps anytime - especially hard times.
  - B. Any service helps the beneficiary, but only sincere service benefits the benefactor.
    - 1. Hospitality not only helps others - brings blessing to ourselves.
    - 2. Hospitality is not merely giving something we received benefit of company.
- V. Scriptural Authority (v.11)**
  - A. “Oracles of God” speak by command, example, or necessary inference.
  - B. “Oracles of God” must be respected (Col 3:17; 2 Jn 9-11; 2 Tm 3:16-17)

## **Conclusion:**

- A. If you want to survive life’s troubles, arm yourselves.
- B. If you want to survive judgment then obey gospel and arm yourselves.