

## Holy Conduct and Godliness

2 Peter 3: 10-14

### Holy Conduct

- A The elements shall melt with fervent heat
- B the earth also and its works burned up
- C seeing then that all these shall be dissolved
- C<sup>1</sup> what manner ought ye to be in all holy conduct and godliness
- B<sup>1</sup> wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved
- A<sup>1</sup> The elements shall melt with fervent heat

Another classic example of a theme with matching parallel thought as bookends, driving the reader's attention to a pinnacle point which involves self-introspection. Notice the emphasis on the elements, which so many in today's world think are 'eternal'. According to Scripture, these will all be burned up and "melt with fervent heat".

Here is a theme with a focal point which the Bible focuses on again and again, especially as we find in the New Testament, that of examining oneself to see if he (she) comes up to the standard of godliness, which "is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." (1 Timothy 4: 8)

All discerning readers will recognize these patterns and look for that pinnacle message and under the Spirit of God seek how best to apply it to the life.