**Isaiah 48:10-11** (NLT) I have refined you, but not as silver is refined. Rather, I have refined you in the furnace of suffering. [11] I will rescue you for my sake - yes, for my own sake! I will not let my reputation be tarnished, and I will not share my glory with idols!

\*\*\*\*God was speaking through Isaiah to His disobedient people. He told them that He would use the suffering brought about by the captivity to purify them. He would use the nation of Babylon to discipline His people. Why? Because Israel had disobeyed God. They had worshipped idols made by human hands. God made it clear that He would not share His glory or His reputation with idols. So He punished His people and He would restore them. The purpose of God's discipline was that they would wholeheartedly Follow God and only God.

**PRAYER:** Lord, God, please help me to follow You closely. Please keep me from bringing shame to Your name in anyway. Lord, please help me to enhance Your reputation. Please Lord, may Your glory shine through me so others see You.

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