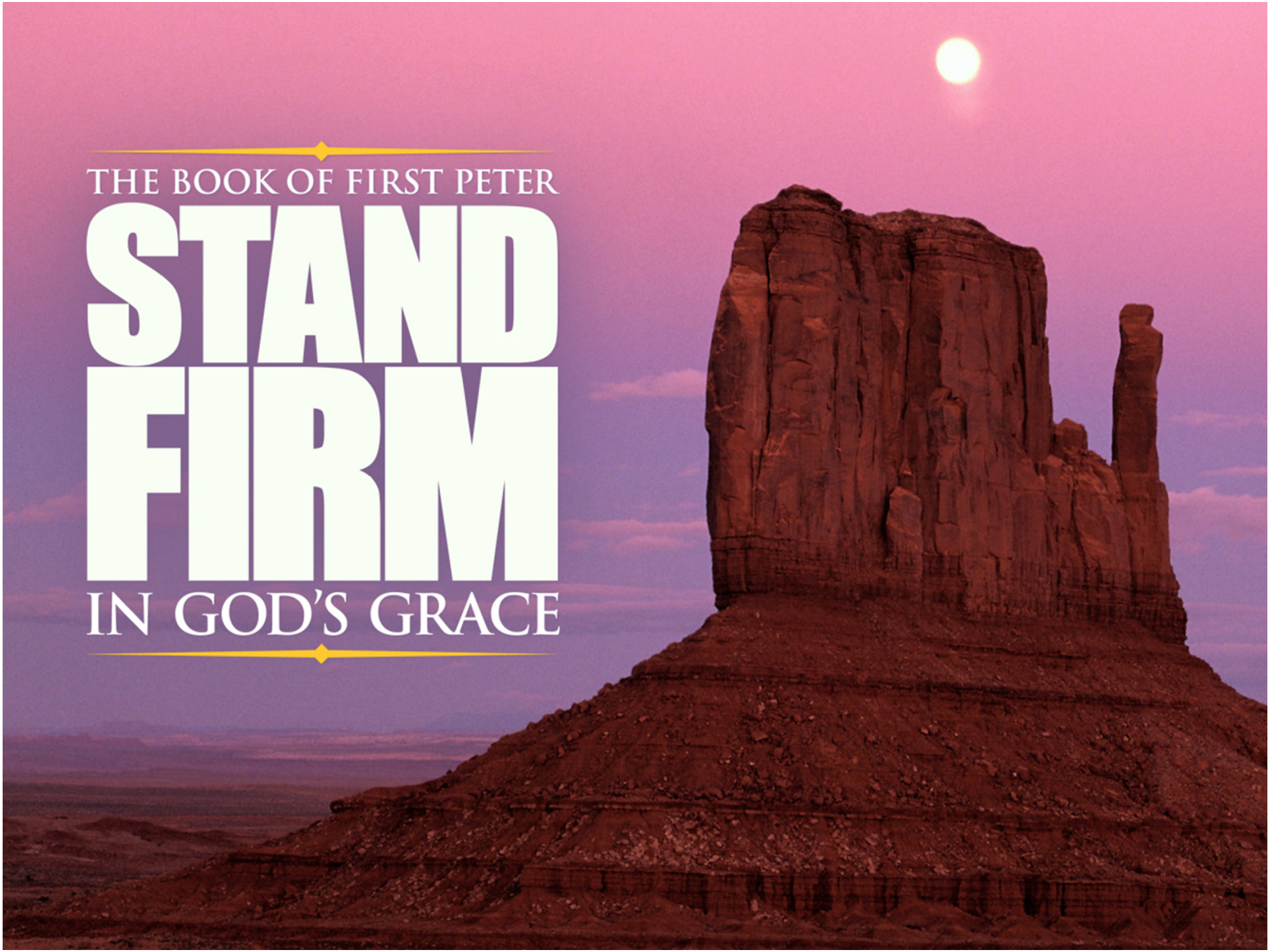
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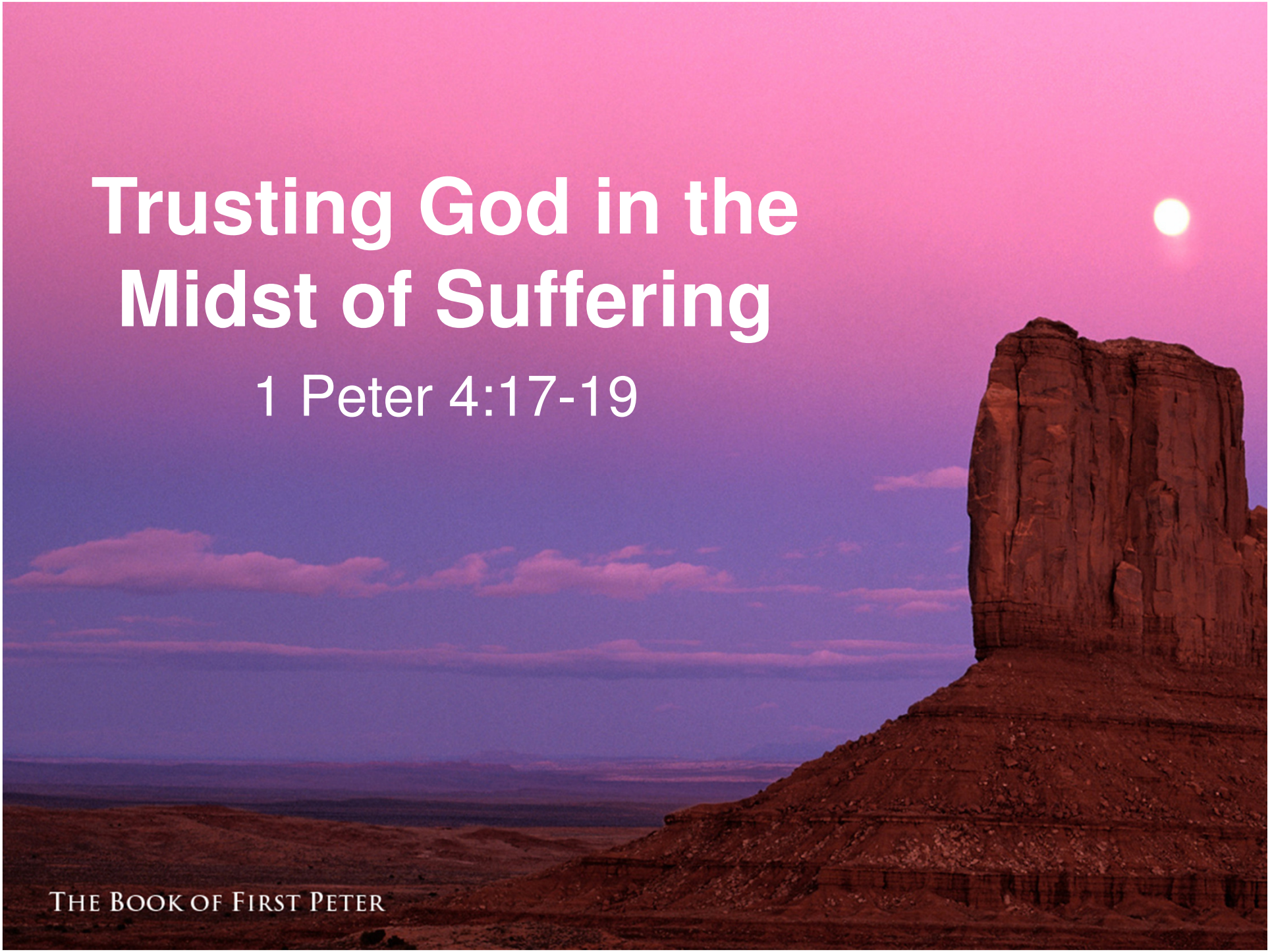
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# “…the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing,”





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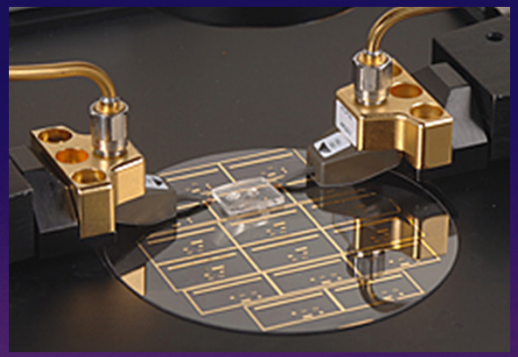

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Now is our time of fiery trial (1Peter 4:12); the ungodly will have their fire later. The fire we endure now purifies us; the fire the ungodly will endure will punish them.

We must always remember that there is never any punishment from God for us in our sufferings, only purification. For the Christian, the issue of punishment was settled once and for all at the cross, where Jesus endured all the punishment the Christian could ever face from God.

The same fire that consumes straw will purify gold. The fire is the same, but its purpose in application is different, and its effect is different upon the straw and the gold. Even so, Christians do suffer some of the same things the ungodly do, yet the purpose of God is different, and the effect is different. (1 Peter 4)

David Guzik
Calvary Chapel Santa Barbara
Bible Commentary

“There is equity in it; for Christians profess to be better than others, and so they ought to be. They say they are regenerate, so they ought to be regenerate. They say that they are a holy people, separated unto Christ; so they ought to be holy, and separate from sinners, as He was.”

Spurgeon



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| Matt 7:11 If you then, although you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, | how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! |

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God's Part:
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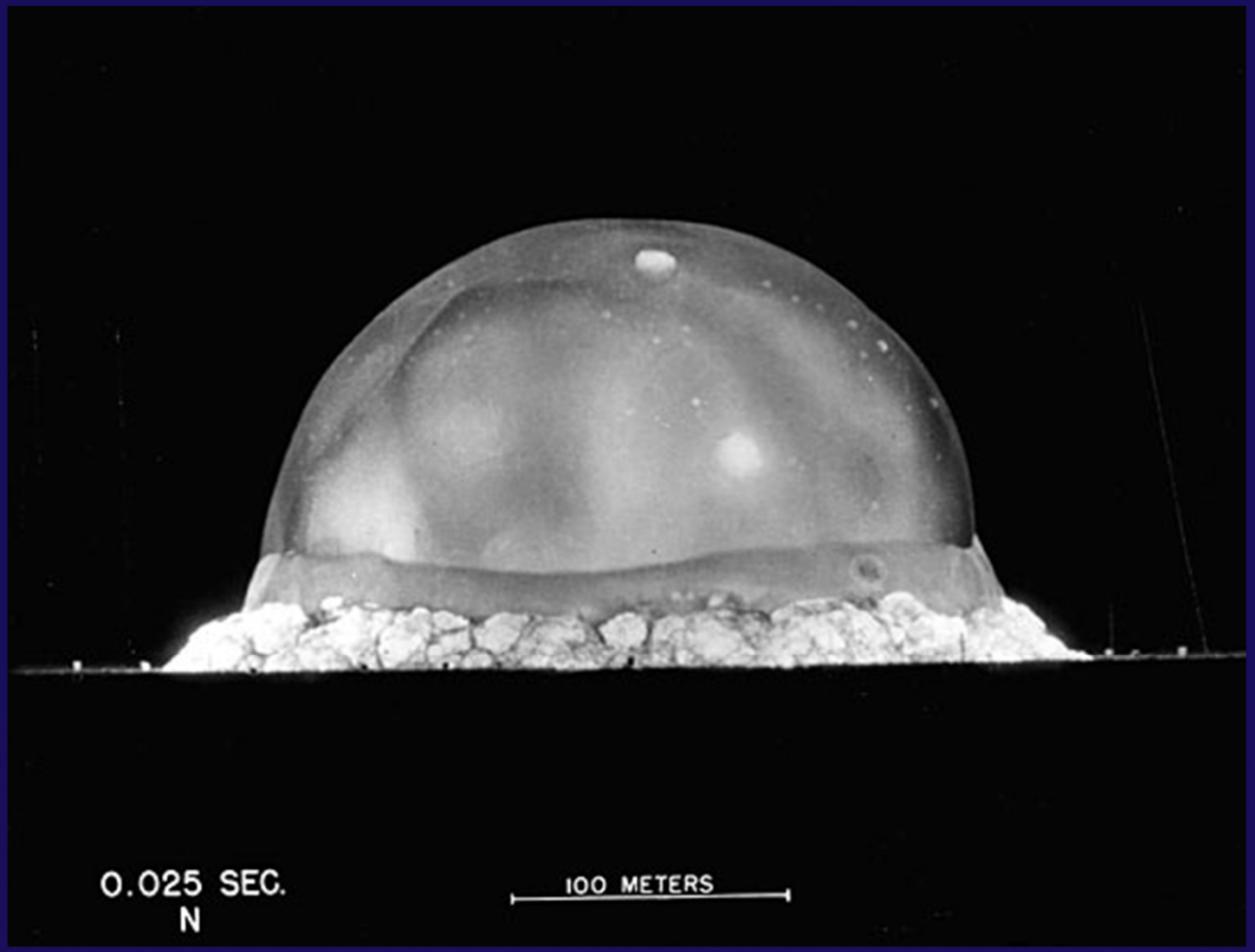
My Part:
**Trust** a faithful creator in doing what is right

Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

1 Peter 4:19






The 1945 TRINITY nuclear explosion.
Rapatronic picture taken 25ms after detonation.
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My salvation is protected by the power of God