1. (v.1-9) Judgment doesn’t actually “end” when the physical acts of judgment are completed, but only when God’s **PURPOSE** for judgment has been accomplished. He doesn’t want punished people, He wants people who **RESPOND** to punishment and **return** in sincere repentance and commitment from the **heart**.

2. (v.10-14) They are going through God’s judgment in order to be **refined** and **changed** into the kind of people who will conform to His plans for their **hope** and **future**. Becoming what God intends involves a personal commitment of faithfulness and obedience to His **Word** and **ways** on our part.

3. (v.15-20) In spite of one’s past **record** of faithfulness, the only way forward is to reject the **false** word for the **true**.