

Faithfulness In An Ungodly Culture

- Many difficulties for a Jewish captive in Babylon.
 - Idolatry
 - Assimilation
 - Punishments of disobedience: Death
- We cannot really relate to the struggles the Jews faced but...
 - In a culture that suppresses faith, we must focus on the hope in God's word.

(Psa. 137; Lam. 3:19-24)

Faith in Action

• People noticed a difference in them (Psa. 1:1-2; c.f. 1 Cor. 5)

• People hated them for being Godly (Prov. 29:27; Acts 5:17-18; c.f. Gen. 4)

Faith In The Fire

• Their faith was not shaken by anything outside of God (c.f. Heb. 11)

- What must we learn from this?
 - Is our faith this important to us? Is it real?
 - If they could face the fire, how much easier can we face the trials today.