

# GOLD IN NEVADA

In the 1980s, Northern Nevada was the site of a gold strike. The discovery would have been beyond the imagination of 19<sup>th</sup> Century prospectors, for the gold in those western hills is virtually invisible.

Even after being magnified 1,500 times, most of the particles remain imperceptible. Modern technology, however, has found a way to extract the gold.

First, tons of ore are crushed to the consistency of fine sand. Then cyanide is added to dissolve the granules into a clear solution. When zinc dust is blended in, the gold separates from the mixture. The gold was there all the time, but it couldn't be seen.



There is a similarity here to life's troubles. You may not see in them the rich potential of a strong faith, but it's there. To have it developed is much more precious than gold.

*You have been grieved by various trials, that ... your faith, being much more precious than gold ... may be found to praise (I Peter 1:6-7).*

– Beecher Hunter