



“Suffering Unjustly”

Finding Favor with God

I Peter 2:18-25

In times of suffering we are to :

I. Remain - “ye take it patiently” (vs. 18-20)

Patience that is:

A. Respectful - “be subject to your masters with all fear”

B. Resilient - “endure grief, suffering wrongfully ”

C. Rewarding – “this is acceptable with God”

II. Replicate - “that you should follow His steps” (vs. 21-23)

Practices that are:

A. Righteous – “who did no sin”

B. Reserved - “reviled not again”

C. Reliant – “committed himself to Him that judges”

III. Rescue - “but now are returned to the Shepherd” (vs. 24-25)

Punishment that is:

A. Sacrificial – “His own self bare our sins in his own body”

B. Significant – “by whose stripes ye were healed”

C. Strategic – “ye were as sheep going astray”

Sentence Sermon:

“When we do what is right and suffer patiently for it, this finds favor with God.”

Additional Verses

- *Acts 9:16*
- *I Peter 3:14-17; 4:13-16, 19*
- *Isaiah 53:21-25*
- *I Corinthians 10:13*
- *I Corinthians 7:20-24*
- *Philippians 1:29; 3:10*
- *Matthew 5:10-12*
- *Romans 5:3-5; 12:17-21*
- *Luke 6:32-34*
- *John 8:33-38*
- *Psalms 103:3*
- *Luke 15:1-7*
- *Hebrews 13:20-21*
- *II Corinthians 5:21; 12:10*
- *II Timothy 3:12*
- *I Thessalonians 3:3*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. How would you describe a “forward” master?
4. What does it mean to have “a conscience toward God?”
5. What are some examples of suffering wrongfully?
6. How often do we misdiagnose our suffering as wrongful?
7. What does this passage say we are “called” to?
8. What about Christ’s example should we follow in verse 23?
9. What does “dead to sins” mean for the believer’s mindset?
10. What kind of healing is found in the context of verses 23-25?
11. How would you describe Jesus’ work as Shepherd and Bishop?
12. What is the most difficult part for you when suffering unjustly?