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Holiness and Behavior
1 Peter 2:11 to 2:25

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IV. Instructions and Encouragement

1 Peter 2:11 to 4:7

Paul now moves into a section where he is giving his readers instructions and encouragement to live in a holy manner. We are talking about the believers' relationships among themselves and with other people.

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The Purpose of Holiness 1 Peter 2:11-12

Why abstain from sinful desires and live good lives?

Galatians 5:17

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“The evil desires of our sinful nature seeks to take over and destroy the Christian in us. We are vulnerable to distortions in our value systems that make us obsessed with material things and leads us to neglect our human relationships.” Mark A. Jeske, People’s Bible Commentary General Epistles, 94 (CPH; St. Louis).

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Peter says we are strangers and aliens.

So where does our standards of behavior come from?

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If God gives us a cross to carry, He also promises to give us the strength to bear it by faith. Christ our Shepherd calls us by name, brings us into His fold through the Gospel, and cares for us in the midst of suffering. How Jesus responded to suffering is how we are to respond to trials. We are honored to follow Him.

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1 Peter 2:13-17 13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

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1 Peter 2:13-17 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

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1 Peter 2:18-25 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

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21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

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24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Biblical submission does NOT mean you become inferior.

Submission does not diminish your value before God.

Jesus is the Suffering Servant.

He is our *Good Shepherd* and *Overseer*!

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Wives and Husbands and Suffering

Next Week:

1 Peter 3:1 to 22