

A Study Outline of First Peter

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- I. The Believer's Blessed (Chapter 1). We have:
 - A. Salvation (3) It is according to:
 - 1. God's Mercy--The Source
 - 2. God's Method--The New Birth
 - 3. God's Might--The Resurrection of Christ
 - B. Inheritance (4)
 - 1. Incorruptible, "αφθαρτον," from "α" and "φθειρω" "spoil, ruin, perishable;" hence, "immortal, imperishable, or (as here), incorruptible."
 - 2. undefiled, "αμικτων," the negative of "stained, soiled," as "unchaste," would be used in the moral realm.
 - 3. Unfading, "αμαραντων," "enduring."
 - 4. Protected, "τετηρημενην," participle, perfect, passive, of "to keep watch upon, guard."
 - C. Security (5) "φρουρουμενους," participle, present, passive. "φρουρος" is a "guard," as a military guard, "to keep in a state of settlement."
 - 1. By God's Power
 - 2. Through the Believer's (saving) Faith
 - 3. Unto Future Revelation
 - D. Trials (6) "Temptations" is from root: "πειρασμος," to be tempted (from without, or within, to sin), to reveal one's character).
 - E. Faith (7-9)
 - 1. Proven Faith (7) "Trial" is "δοκιμος," one proved genuine, as a coin, or metal." Hence, "approved."
 - a) More Precious than Gold
 - b) More Praise toward God
 - 2. Real Faith (8)
 - a) We Love One Whom we've not yet Seen
 - b) We Rejoice in What we've Not yet Received.

3. Perfected Faith (9)

F. Full Knowledge (10-12) The O.T. Prophets:

1. Preached the Message (10)
2. Puzzled over the Meaning (11)
 - a) The Sufferings of Christ
 - b) The Glory of Christ
3. Promised Future Ministry (12)

G. Responsibility (13-25)

1. Be Faithful (13)
2. Be Holy (14-16)
3. Be Careful (17-25) Because of:
 - a) The Price of our Salvation (18,19)
 - b) The Plan of our Salvation (20,21)
 - c) The Purity of our Salvation (22,23)
 - (1) Our Obedience to the Truth (22a)
 - (2) Our Love for One Another (22b)
 - d) The Power of our Salvation (22,23-25). The Word:
 - (1) It is Truth (22)
 - (2) It is the Seed (23)
 - (3) It is Eternal (24,25a)
 - (4) It is Preached (25b)

II. The Believer Portrayed (Chapters 2-4). Ten Pictures:

A. Newborn Babies (2:2). Desire the Milk:

1. As We Desire
2. According to our Tastebuds

B. Living Stones (2:4-8) "Disallowed" is intense form of "δοκιμος" (see E.1 above).

1. The Chief Corner Stone (4,6,7)
 - a) Approachable (4a)
 - b) Rejected (4b, 7)
 - c) Honored (4c-8)
 - (1) Chosen of God (4c)
 - (2) Precious to God (4d)
 - (3) Exalted (6)
 - (4) Empowered (8)

2. The Building Stones (5). We comprise:

- a) A Spiritual House
- b) A Holy Priesthood

C. Chosen Generation (2:9a)

D. Royal Priesthood (2:9b)

E. Special People (2:9c)

F. God's People (2:10)

- 1. For a Possession
- 2. For Praise

G. Strangers and Pilgrims (2:11-24)

- 1. Glorify God in our Conduct (11,12)
- 2. Silence the Foolish in our Submission (13-20)
 - a) As Temporary Citizens (13-17)
 - b) As Suffering Servants (18-24)
 - (1) It is Thankworthy Suffering (19); after the freedom of conscience (19,20)
 - (2) It is Acceptable Service (20); after the example of Christ (21-24)

H. Rescued Sheep (2:25)

I. Suffering Christian (4:12-19). How to Respond to Suffering:

- 1. With the Proper Attitude (12-14)
- 2. With the Proper Safeguard (15,16)
- 3. With the Proper Instruction (17-19)
 - a) Realize our Special Position (17,18)
 - b) Rely on our Sovereign Protector (19)

J. House of God (4:17)

III. The Believers Responsible (Chapters 3-5)

A. In the Home (3:1-7)

1. How to Win an Unsaved Husband (1-6)

a) Submissive Spirit (1,5,6) Verse six: "και μη φοβουμεναι μηδεμιαν πτοησιν"
"and none are continually being afraid (mid voice, present participle)
in terror."

b) Saintly Conduct (2-4a)

c) Soft Conversation (4b)

2. How to Treat a Saved Wife (7)

a) Dwell with Her in Knowledge

b) Honor Her in:

(1) Her Inferiority, as the Weaker Vessel--The Natural Realm

(2) Her Equality, as a Joint Heir of Grace--The Spiritual Realm

B. In the Church (3:8-12; 4:7-11)

1. Unity (8a)

2. Compassion (8b)

3. Brotherly Love (8c,9)--Be:

a) Pitiful "ευσπλαγχνοι" "strong bowels; compassionate, tenderhearted"

b) Courteous "φιλοφρονες" "kindly, in a friendly manner" (note 4:9)

c) Forgiving (9, 4:8)

d) Loving (3:8 "love as brethren"; 4:8)

e) Clear Minded (4:7b)

f) Prayerful (4:7c)

g) Ministering (4:10)

h) In the Word (4:11)

C. In the World (3:13-22; 4:1-6, 12-19)

1. Rejoice in Suffering (3:13,14,16,17; 4:12-14:16)

2. Bold in Persecution (3:15,16; 4:14-16)

a) Your Conscience is Clear (3:16; 4:15,16)

b) Your God is Glorified (4:14,16)

c) Your Experience is Ordered of God (3:17; 4:17-19)

D. In Relationships (Chp 5)

1. Pastor to People (1-3)
 - a) Lead the Flock (2b,3)
 - (1) Willingly (2b)
 - (2) Without Regard to Recompense (2c)
 - (3) Without Coercion (3)
 - b) Feed the Flock (2a)
2. Pastor to God (4) Crown of Glory
3. Servers to Leaders (5-7)--Submission:
 - a) Younger to the Elder (5a)
 - b) One to Another (5b)
 - c) All to God (6,7)
 - (1) Looking to Him for Reward (6)
 - (2) Looking to Hime for Relief (7)
4. Saved to Satan (8,9)
 - a) Watch How You Walk Before the Devil (8)
 - b) Resist the Attack of the Devil (9)
 - c) Wait for Total Deliverance from the Devil (10)