

“Submissive Service”

Text: I Peter 2:21-25

Scripture reading: John 10:7-18

Introduction:

I. A respectful service – vs. 18

II. A graceful service – vv. 19-20

III. A purposeful service – vv. 21-25 (Read Is. 53)

A) Divine footsteps – vv. 21-23a

B) Divine confidence – vs. 23b (Matt. 16:22, 23)

C) Divine glory – vv. 24-25

1. The glory of our _____ - vs. 24a (Is. 53:4)
(Col. 2:13-14)

2. The glory of our _____ - vs. 24b (Is. 53:5)

3. The glory of our _____ - vs. 25 (Is. 53:6)
(Jn. 10:27-28)

“Christ died for our preferment; He suffered that we might reign. He hung on the cross that we might sit on the throne; His crucifixion is our coronation.”

-Thomas Watson; English Puritan preacher; 1620-1686

SERMON QUOTES:

III. A purposeful service – vv. 21-25

A) Divine footsteps – vv. 21-23a

R. C. Sproul,

“Suffering becomes bearable when we understand that we are in that state by the Providence of God, and therefore, at that time, it is our vocation.”

B) Divine confidence – vs. 23b

Pastor John MacArthur – (on Matt. 16:22-23),

“The believer who complains about his sufferings and trials and ask, ‘Why me, Lord?’ shares in Peter’s presumption. It is easy to accept God’s blessings, but not His testings. It is easy to accept prosperity and health as part of God’s plan for us, but not hardship and sickness. When joy comes to us, that seems to be our proper lot as a child of God, but when sorrow come we are inclined to doubt our heavenly Father’s wisdom and love.”