



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: June 24, 2018

Passage: 1 Peter 1:3-12

Theme: Glorifying God for New Life

Three things we should do in response to Peter's doxology at the beginning of this letter:

1. We should praise God for what he gives us in our new life (3–5).
 - a. A living hope
 - b. A permanent inheritance
2. We should rejoice in the midst of sufferings that our new life brings (6–9) because...
 - a. Suffering tests the genuineness of faith.
 - b. Real faith results in salvation.
3. We should recognize the privileged position into which our new life places us (10–12).
 - a. The OT prophets searched diligently into the salvation and sufferings of the Messiah.
 - b. What they revealed confirms for us that Jesus is the Messiah.
 - c. Our salvation privileges us above these prophets and even the angels.

Main Idea: We can glorify God by joyously acknowledging his great plan of salvation for us even in the midst of suffering through the trials of life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What does the concept of *new birth* conjure up in your mind? According to Peter in vv. 3–4, what two things does God give us with this new birth? What is meant by these?
- How can we possibly rejoice and even experience joy as we go through the sufferings and trials of life? According to vv. 6–9, what do trials reveal in the life of the believer? How have you seen this revealed in your own experiences of suffering?
- According to vv. 10–12, why do we stand in a privilege position in comparison with OT prophets and angels? Can you think of OT prophetic passages that spoke of the suffering of the Messiah?
- How can we glorify God by joyously acknowledging his salvation? (List some ways)

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