

The Blessed Insult

DON-07 Days of Noah Series

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Overview of Series

- Comparative Narrative of Noah's day with ours – Hebrews 11:7
- Comparative Narrative of Lot's Day with ours – Genesis 19:4–5
- 2 Peter 2:7

Ready for Last Days Opposition

- 1 Peter 4:7 (NLT) — 7 The end of the world is coming soon...
- Various forms and levels of persecution – Hebrews 11:33-40
- Acts 4:13–22
- Acts 5:38–41

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1 Peter 4

- The same attitude as Jesus in his suffering – be ready to suffer too
- Had enough of the evil things godless people enjoy
- Former friends are surprised when you no longer indulge in the destructive things they do
- They slander you - a malicious, false, and defamatory statement or report
- Remember that they will have to face God
- The end of the world is coming soon
- Don't be surprised at the fiery trials – these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering (Philippians 3:10)
- If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ
 - You will be blessed
 - The Spirit of God rests upon you
- No shame to suffer for being a Christian
- Suffering in a manner that pleases God – keep doing what is right
- God will never fail you

2 Timothy 3:12

1 Peter 3:9

1 Peter 3:13–18

- People insult you – pay them back with a blessing
- God will grant you his blessing
- If you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you
- Don't worry or be afraid of their threats
- If people speak against you – they will be ashamed
- They see the good life you live because you belong to Christ
- Better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong

Matthew 5:10-12

1 Peter 5:10 (NLT) — 10 In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

Temporal Vs. Eternal

2 Corinthians 4:8–18

- Pressed on every side by troubles
- Hunted down, but never abandoned by God
- Share in the death of Jesus so his life may be seen in our bodies
- Live in constant danger of death because we serve Jesus – result in eternal life for others
- Our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day
- Present troubles are small and won't last very long
- Produce a glory that far outweighs the trouble
- Don't look at the troubles we see now – soon gone
- Fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen – last forever

An Eternal Covenant

Genesis 9:8–11

Hebrews 13:20–21 (NLT) — 20 Now may the God of peace— who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with his blood— 21 may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.