

1 PET 3:14-18

OPEN: WE CANNOT SEPARATE THE HUSBAND AND WIFE ISSUE FROM THE REST OF PETER'S LETTER.....THE PRESSURES FROM THE WORLD CAN PUT STRESS ON THE MARRIAGE.....BUT THEY / WE ARE TO STILL LIVE OUT OUR GOD ORDAINED ROLES AS HUSBANDS AND WIVES

PETER'S LETTER WASN'T WRITTEN FOR A GOOD LIFE....BUT FOR A GODLY LIFE THAT WILL DEFEAT EVIL IN OUR COMMUNITIES VS 13, OUR JOBS VS 18-20, AND MARRIAGES 3:1-7, AND LIFE IN GENERAL VS 8-12....BY BEING A WITNESS WITH OUR ACTION AND WORDS

MAT 5:14-16

TRUE SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS DESIGNED TO TAKE YOU OUT OF THE GAME AS A CHILD OF GOD

IT WILL CAUSE YOU NOT TO BE AT PEACE WITHIN AND NOT BE A WITNESS FOR JESUS

VS 13] IS A QUESTION THAT SETS UP WHAT HE IS ABOUT TO SAY IN THE REST OF THE CHAPTER

FOR DOING RIGHT IN THE SITUATION THAT YOU BEEN WRONGED IN, WHO CAN HARM YOU?

WAS PETER FOOLISH TO THINK THAT NO PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM COULD COME THEIR WAY BECAUSE THEY WERE SAVED? NO

AS A CHILD OF GOD WE ARE TO "PROVE ZEALOUS" WHAT IS GOOD

ZEALOUS = to defend and uphold a thing, vehemently contending for a thing

ZEALOUS = ALL IN....ALL THE TIME....EVERY TIME.....FOR THE SAKE OF SOULS

VS 14-15] EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER = THE PRESSURE OF THE WORLD, TRAILS & PERSECUTION CAN CAUSE US TO RESPOND IN THE FLESH WITH EMOTIONAL FEAR [LOSE MY JOB, LOSE A RELATIONSHIP...ETC]

BUT SANCTIFY MESSIAH AS LORD = UNDERSTAND JESUS' PURPOSE BECAUSE YOU ARE TO BE A WITNESS OF MESSIAH

WHEN WE UNDERST WITHOUT FEAR OF LOSING, ONLY THEN CAN YOU GIVE A DEFENSE FOR THE HOPE THAT LIES IN YOU

THIS IS ABOUT DEFINING OUR HOPE....NOT DEFENDING OUR POSITION

[apologia]

WITHOUT SETTING MESSIAH APART IN OUR UNDERSTANDING, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SHARE YESHUA.....BECAUSE WE ARE CONSUMED WITH OUR SITUATION....THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT SATAN WANTS...THIS IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

THE CURE FOR THE PRESSURES OF THIS WORLD IS SANCTIFYING / SETTING APART MESSIAH AS LORD IN YOUR HEART / MIND.....NOT YOU'RE FEELINGS
VS 16] HAVING A GOOD CONSCIENCE = PEACE WITHIN WHILE TURMOIL IS AROUND YOU **[WHILE UNDER ATTACK DON'T REACT]**

VS 17] NOT THAT IT'S GOD'S WILL FOR US TO SUFFER...BUT IN OUR SUFFERING HE WANTS US TO RESPOND WITH GOOD FOR 2 REASONS
1] AT PEACE WITH GOD = GOOD CONSCIENCE
2] IT BECOMES A WITNESS FOR MESSIAH **VS 15**

VS 18] THE GOSPEL IN A NUTSHELL
OUR WITNESS IS NOT ONLY FOR SALVATION SAKE IT'S ALSO FOR JUDGMENT SAKE

THROUGH OUR WITNESS OF OUR WORKS & WORDS OF MESSIAH IT WILL DO ONE OF 2 THINGS
1] IT MAY BRING SOMEONE TO SALVATION
2] IT MAY BE USED AGAINST THEM AS JUDGMENT **VS 16B ETERNAL SHAME**
MAT 12:33-37

THIS IS WHY WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE MISSION OF MESSIAH YESHUA SO THAT WE GIVE THE RIGHT INFORMATION OF WHO HE IS, WHAT HE DID AND WHY HE DID IT

IT WASN'T JUST TO SAVE US.....IT WAS ALSO TO DESTROY EVIL AND WE HAVE A CALLING TO WITNESS TO HUMAN AND EVIL ITSELF OF THIS TRUTH