



## SERMON OUTLINE NOTES

### I. EMBRACING A GODWARD SUBMISSION (1 PETER 2:18)

#### A. Peter continues to command a new way of living (1 Peter 2:18)

1. Christians are Exiles in the world because we live Godward lives (1 Peter 1:1-5, 13-18; 2:9-12; 2:13, 15, 16, 19, 20)
2. Peter's counter-cultural command undermines an anti-authority perspective (1 Peter 2:18; 2:13, 17)

#### B. Roman culture and domestic servants (1 Peter 2:18; 1 Corinthians 7:21; 1 Timothy 1:10)

1. Domestic servants were entrusted with great responsibility (Matthew 25:14ff)
2. New Testament "household ethics" (1 Peter 2:18, 3:1, 7; Ephesians 5:22-6:9; Colossians 3:18-4:1)

### II. A GRACIOUS THING BEFORE GOD (1 PETER 2:19-20)

#### A. Enduring sorrows from unjust suffering is a gracious thing when it is done with a Godward mindset (1 Peter 2:19)

1. Can God will unjust suffering? (1 Peter 2:21; 3:17; 4:19)
2. Will justice be served? (2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Romans 12:19)

#### B. There is a blessing for those who do good and endure suffering (1 Peter 2:20)

1. There is no credit to endure suffering because of sin (1 Peter 2:20; 3:17)
2. There is blessing for enduring suffering because of good living (1 Peter 2:20; 3:14; 4:3-4; 4:13)

#### C. Do not grow weary in doing good! (1 Thessalonians 5:15; Galatians 6:9-10)

## 1 PETER 2:18-20

*Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.*

*<sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.*

*<sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.*

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

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1. Peter commands servants to submit “with all respect.” Why is it important to respect authority over us?
2. How does respecting unjust authorities challenge the way we think about authority figures today? What might it look like to respect unjust authorities?
3. In what ways are New Testament “household ethics” counter-cultural to Roman culture as well as our culture?

### ? STUDENTS

4. What does it mean to have a Godward mindset about submission?
5. Why is enduring suffering for doing good a gracious thing in God’s sight? How can God be glorified through enduring unjust suffering?