

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 2:11-25

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The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Peter 2:11-25

Responsive Reading

1 Peter 2:13-17

Therefore submit yourselves to every **ordinance** of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, **14** or to governors, as to those who are sent by him **for the punishment** of evildoers and **for the praise** of those who **do good**. **15** For this is the will of God, that by **doing good** you may put to **silence** the **ignorance** of **foolish** men - **16** as free, yet not using **liberty** as a **cloak for vice**, but as **bondservants** of God. **17 Honor** all people. **Love** the brotherhood. **Fear** God. **Honor** the king.

The Ever Present Jesus Christ

1.) Illuminates the way of the righteous

vs. 11-12

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1a.) So we don't get lost

vs. 11

Last week we were reminded that out of verse 11, there is a very powerful reality about our (physical) existence.

:11 Beloved, I beg you as **sojourners** and **pilgrims**, (aliens-strangers from another world) **abstain** (to keep on abstaining) from **fleshly lusts** (allurement invasion from the outside)

which war against the soul,
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1b.) So we can see clearly

vs. 12a

:12 having your **conduct honorable** among the Gentiles,

The conduct, conversation, lifestyle and the “entirety” of who you are is on display to the eyes of the world. And it is to be excellent to God for Jesus’ sake!

“But it was the latter end of verse 12 – that teaches us what might be One of the most relevant truths for our lives today - - yet it is rarely, if ever, taught on or talked about in Western Christianity, which is this...”

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1c.) So we will be used of God

vs. 12b

:12b that when **they speak against you** as **evildoers**, **they** may, by your **good works** which **they observe**, **glorify God In The Day of Visitation.**

In The Day of Visitation

1 Peter 2:12

12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in The Day of Visitation.

**Your Faithful Christian Witness – In This World,
Is being used by God to either rescue that person you know, or
Your Faithful Christian Witness will be used by God
to judge that very same person in the end...**

We have the example of this in Jesus Himself...

Luke 2:34b

Behold, this Child (Jesus) is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign (marker) which will be spoken against

(rejected, refused, despised)

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. **15** For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. **16** To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.
And who is sufficient for these things?

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2.) Elevates the way of the humble

vs. 13-17

Our Christian lives are a walking, breathing, living **paradox**.

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2a.) Humiliation is an intentional faith

vs. 13-14a

:13 Therefore *(this is a very deep implication here, meaning that the abuse, rejection, and hatred that we receive from this world is filling up and in the end, our persecution will be rewarded against our abusers. This is the Vengeance of Almighty God)* **submit** yourselves to every ordinance (law) of man **for the Lord's sake**, whether to the king as supreme, **14a** or to governors, as to those who are sent by him

Noah Webster's 1828

HUMILIA'TION, n. The act of humbling; the state of being humbled. [.] 1. Descent from an elevated state or rank to one that is low or humble. [.] [.] The former was a humiliation of deity; the latter, a humiliation of manhood. [.] 2. The act of abasing one's pride.

"In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed... No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any **government** intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people."

- **Noah Webster,**

Education Reformer. Political Activist. Textbook Author, Pioneer of Epidemiology.
Newspaper Editor. Early American Antislavery Advocate.

**Proclamation #97
Lincoln's Proclamation of 1863**

<http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid=69891>

**Proclamation 97—Appointing a Day of National Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer By
President Abraham Lincoln**
March 30, 1863

Like everything else, all things begin with God and the Bible teaches
that **God is the inventor of the Institution of Government.**

:13a Therefore submit yourselves
to every **ordinance of man** for the Lord's sake,

**The “Therefore” is here because of verse 11 and that
“Day of Visitation” warning...**

How are we to live in light of (any) government?

Romans 13:1

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority
except from God, and **the authorities that exist are appointed by God.**

Submission to the Powers that be – Is submission to God.

Why should I? The answer is “Because....”

Proverbs 21:1

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water;
He turns it (the king) wherever He wishes.

We are beyond blessed here in America

Moses goes to Court Every day in Washington DC.

Supreme Court Building - Religious Symbols
<https://goo.gl/images/hCLHhp>

In fact, **Jesus Never Disavowed the Roman Empire** or Made Fun of
the Empire – all of it, all of them were tools of His.

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. **16** And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. **17** Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” **18** But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? **19** Show Me the tax money.” So they brought Him a denarius. **20** And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” **21** They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” **22** When they had heard these words, they (began to beat each other up for having thought up this bad idea) marveled, and left Him and went their way.

What just happened?

the answer is beyond human invention.

Jesus just said that everything that exists belongs to God, including **Caesar**, he belonged to God // Caesar’s **Throne** belonged to God // Caesar’s **Palace** belonged to God. // **Even** Caesar’s **Salad** belonged to God.

James 4:6

But He (God) gives more grace. Therefore He says:
“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

:13 Therefore submit yourselves
to every ordinance of man **for the Lord’s sake**,
((NOTICE breadth or scope of our witness))
whether to the **king** as supreme, **14a** or to **governors**,
as to **those** who are sent by him

Should we obey those who are **poor** leaders? – the bible says “yes”
Should we obey those who are **bad** leaders? – the bible says “yes”
Should we obey those who are **evil** leaders? – the bible says “yes”

When the CHP pulls you over for speeding, the officer’s
private life is irrelevant – because it’s **The State of California** that pulled you
over not Barney Fife

But we are and we will be called upon by God to disobey

the authorities whenever their command is a violation of our biblical convictions or direct scripture.

**We must disobey them with respect and with honor,
“informing them that ‘we cannot disobey God to obey you.’ ”**

<https://www.theblaze.com/news/2014/11/10/pastors-defiant-response-to-california-abortion-mandate-we-will-take-this-to-the-point-of-being-jailed-if-necessary>

John 19:7-11 esv

The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” **8** When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. **9** He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. **10** So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have **authority** to release you and **authority** to crucify you?” **11** Jesus answered him, “You would have no **authority** over me at all unless it had been given you from above.

God’s In Control – And He’s Watching to See How We Witness to the World

Daniel 2:20-22

Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. **21** And He changes the times and the seasons; **he removes kings and raises up kings**; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. **22** He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him.

**Here are two extremes – exact opposites in every possible way:
President Obama - - President Trump**

(I didn't vote for or against their individual **morality**, but I did or did not vote for either one of these two for their ability to be in the **Office of President**.

(we live in a republic, given to us by God. He has allowed us the responsibility of picking those who will govern over us.)

The Christian’s loyalty to government & God never changes from one form of government to the next – from tyrants to prime ministers.
And it hasn't in 2,000 years.

In Fact, in the days of Joseph in Egypt or Nehemiah in Persia,
They refused to do evil – but still honored the king.

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2b.) Our humiliation is faith confident

vs. 14b-15

:14b for the punishment of evildoers
and for the praise of those who do good.

THIS IS A BIT DISHEARTENING & ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO BELIEVE. But the Roman Empire, though decadent, was not as wicked as our world is today – the 21st. century has perfected and decorated evil. We rarely see evil being punished. We do see the good guy getting into trouble.

Romans 13:1-7

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.
2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. **3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil.** Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. **4 For he is God's minister to you for good.** But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is **God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.** **5 Therefore you must be subject,** not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. **6 For because of this you also pay taxes,** for they are **God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.**
7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

“But Pastor Jack - We Live Godless California”

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

“Charles Krauthammer wrote, “It is not enough for the deviant to be normalized. The normal must be found to be deviant.”

Judge Robert Bork adds, “This situation is thoroughly perverse.”

— Judge Robert H. Bork,

Slouching Towards Gomorrah: Modern Liberalism and American Decline

So what are we to do?

We're called to "walk on the water" above the filth of it all.

15 For this is the will of God, that by **doing good** (= is doing righteousness)
you may put to **silence** the **ignorance** of **foolish** men

Your Doing Good will Mute their Criticism

I do this when I'm watching CNN or FOX or MSLSD.
I silence the ignorance of foolish men – I just mute them!!!

Our walking in wisdom and in self-control, humbly yielded to the
Lord, God will appear for our defense.

BUT WE CAN "COUNTER-CULTURE" THIS AGE OF EVIL
By us looking for opportunities to do good.
Simply because Jesus said to, but there are results of us doing good.

#1

People will ask, "who did that?" or "why did they do that ugly tough job?"
(Go and show up at your civic center and ask the front desk – is there any needs in the
community that we can take off your hands?"

#2

Take your kids and go to your local PD or Fire Station and ask if there's some old lady or man, some
family – someone that's been injured or displaced.

#3

Look over your local newspaper for "opportunity stories" and do something about them with
your friends or family or youth group.
(it's an awesome moment to share the love of Jesus Christ)

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and
giving of thanks be made for all men, **2** for kings and all who are in authority,
that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.
3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires
All men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

***"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the Providence of
Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly
to implore His protection and favor."***

President George Washington
New York City, 3 October 1789

A Faith that is Confident Cannot be Moved.

<https://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/michael-w-chapman/cia-dir-pompeojesus-christ-our-savior-truly-only-solution-our-world>

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/01/21/how-bible-helps-pence-navigate-his-role-trumps-vice-president/1044357001/>

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2c.) Because humiliation is faith empowered

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Acts 5:17-29,40-42

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, **18** and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. **19** But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, **20** “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life.” **:21** And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. **:22** But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, **23** saying, “Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!” **24**

Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. **25** So one came and told them, saying, “Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!” **:26** Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. **27** And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, **28** saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!” **:29** But Peter and the other apostles answered and said:

“We ought to obey God rather than men... **:40** And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. **41** So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. **42** And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

End of Study

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