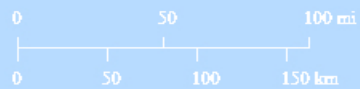


Suffering and Glory -- The Message of I Peter

I Pet. 4:12-16



Theme: Suffering and Glory

- Throughout the letter, Peter parallels their plight to the suffering of Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus was subjected to suffering and was glorified when He arose from the dead and went back to heaven.
 - (1:11; 2:21; 3:18, 22; 4:13; 5:1)
 - Peter tells his readers that they too will be glorified if they steadfastly endure fiery trials.
 - (1:6-7; 2:19-20; 3:14, 16; 4:12-14; 5:8-12)

The Message of I Peter...

- Peter reminds them that this world is not their home.
 - They are strangers and pilgrims. (1:1, 17; 2:11)
- Peter reminds them of God's eternal purpose for their salvation.
 - They were chosen (elect) according to the foreknowledge of God. (1:2)
 - Jesus, as the Redeemer was foreknown before the foundation of the world. (1:18-20)
 - The O. T. prophets had testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that would follow. (1:10-11)

The Message of I Peter...

- Peter reminds them that they have been born again to a living hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
 - An inheritance that is incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. (1:3-4)
 - Their faith and hope is in God, who raised Jesus from the dead. (1:20-21)
 - They were to be ready to give an answer for that hope. (3:15)
 - They were to commit the keeping of their souls to a faithful Creator. (4:19)

The Message of I Peter...

- Peter instructs them how they were to behave themselves in view of their hope. (1:13)
 - With minds ready for action. (1:13)
 - Hope set on the grace of God. (1:13)
 - Obedient children. (1:14)
 - Holy in all of their conduct. (1:15; 2:11; 4:2-4)
 - Reverence the Father, who will judge. (1:17)
 - Set good examples for others. (2:12; 3:1-2, 16; 5:3)
 - Manifesting humility in life's relationships:
 - Government. (2:13-17)
 - Servants to masters. (2:18-19)
 - Wives to husbands; husbands to wives. (3:1-6; 7)
 - In their relationship to one another. (3:8ff)

The Message of I Peter...

- Peter reminds them who they are:
 - Living stones in God's spiritual house. (2:5)
 - A chosen generation (race). (2:9)
 - A royal priesthood. (2:9)
 - A holy nation. (2:9)
 - A peculiar people (a people of his own). (2:9)
 - The people of God, having obtained mercy (2:10)
 - Christians. (4:16)

The Message of I Peter...

- Peter reminds them of the role of faith in their lives.
 - We are born again by the word of God. (1:22-25)
 - Christians are protected by the power of God through faith. (1:5)
 - The end of faith is the salvation of your souls. (1:9)
- Peter reminds them of the necessity of obedience.
 - As the children of God. (1:14)
 - Purified your souls in obeying the truth. (1:22)
 - Obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ. (1:2)
 - What shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? (4:17; 3:21)