




1 Peter

3:8-22



Main Idea

Christians bless others to receive the blessing of God's presence.

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Body of Peter's Letter: Dealing with unfair suffering

A. Power dynamics (2:13-3:7)

B. Interpersonal relationships (3:8-22)

C. Personal sin (4:1-11)

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8-12: Blessing Christians who mistreat you

13-17: Blessing non-Christians who mistreat you

18-22: Blessing from God for blessing others

Blessing Christians who mistreat you

8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

Blessing Christians who mistreat you

9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

Blessing Christians who mistreat you

10 Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.

Blessing Christians who mistreat you

11 He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.

Blessing Christians who mistreat you

12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their prayer.

Blessing Christians who mistreat you

Psalm 34:17: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

Blessing Christians who mistreat you

Deuteronomy 28:1: “If you obey the LORD, all these blessings will come upon you...”

Deuteronomy 28:15: “If you do not obey the LORD, all these curses will come upon you...”

Blessing Christians who mistreat you

Hebrews 7:18-19: “The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless, and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.”

Larry Crabb, *The Pressure's Off*

“Now consider what that means. Our arrangement with God has changed. No longer do prosperity and trial depend on our performance.”

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“Bad parents sometimes have good kids. Good parents sometimes have bad kids. The principle of influence remains...”

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a hundred parents who love God and train their children well will rear a greater number of responsible children than will a hundred selfish, uninvolved parents.

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“But now, under the new arrangement, the reason for right living has changed...[not] the Better Life of Blessings...Now the Better Hope of Intimacy.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 1

“The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.”

Blessing non-Christians who mistreat you

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.

Blessing non-Christians who mistreat you

15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Blessing non-Christians who mistreat you

15 Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”

Blessing non-Christians who mistreat you

17 It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

Blessing from God for blessing others

18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

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18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

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21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you...it saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Blessing from God for blessing others

Through the cross, God promises us:

The status of a holy life

The power for a holy life

Applying the passage today

Repaying good for evil

Learning about our faith

Drawing near to Jesus