

## EXILE // 1 PETER 2:13-25 // PRACTICALLY EXILED (PART 1)

### Having a healthy Respect for Governmental Authority (v 13-17)

- v 13 *Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,*
- Peter tells us to submit yourselves. submit – ὑποτάσσω - hupotasso - to arrange under in a military formation Ordinance comes from foundation (κτίσις- ktisis) which means the act of creating or creation.
  - Since God not only has authority over every societal institution, but He also created all of them, shouldn't we earthly authority to honor that.
- v 15 *For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men--*
- put to silence - φιμώω - phimoo - to restrain, to muzzle, to gag. The result of our obedience and submission is very clear and direct. And plus it is the will of God.
- v 16 *as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.*
- We need to act as free men (free from the condemnation of sin, the law's penalty, Stan's bondage, the world's control, and death's power.
  - But our freedom should never act as a covering (cloak) for doing evil. It doesn't give us a license to do evil.
- v 17 *Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.*
- This verse sums up what this healthy respect should look like

### Having a Healthy Respect for Vocational Authority (v 18-20)

- v 18 *Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.*
- servants (οἰκέτης - oiketes - house slave, those who are under authority of another), are to arrange themselves under their masters (δеспότης - despotes - those who have complete rule or authority)
  - Some employers will be upright, considerate, and fair. Others will be harsh (σκολιός - skolios - crooked, perverse, wicked, unfair) or difficult to deal with.
- v 19-20 *For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully...*
- It is a gracious thing as Peter notes, if we always have that awareness of God, His truth, His Gospel message, and we can be dealt with harshly and be able to endure it, even if it is so wrong.

### Having the Ultimate Respect for the Ultimate Model (v 21-25)

- v 21 *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:*
- We, as with Christ, were called to suffer. There is no doubt about it. One of our purposes is to suffer as Christ did, whether in a vocational setting, or somewhere else.
  - Phil 1:29 tells us that it is a gift to suffer on Christ's behalf. Because Christ suffered for us.
- v 22-24 *"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.*
- It is here we see the perfect standard of suffering and submissiveness for us.
- v 25 *For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*
- The analogy used here describes the pointless, useless, and dangerous wanderings of those who are lost sinners.
  - Peter mentions that we have returned. This is a term of repentance, implying that we have turned from one direction to head another.