



# LIFE AS EXILES

STRANGERS IN OUR OWN LAND

**FINALLY, ALL OF YOU, HAVE UNITY OF MIND, SYMPATHY, BROTHERLY LOVE, A TENDER HEART, AND A HUMBLE MIND. DO NOT REPAY EVIL FOR EVIL OR REVILING FOR REVILING, BUT ON THE CONTRARY, BLESS, FOR TO THIS YOU WERE CALLED, THAT YOU MAY OBTAIN A BLESSING. FOR "WHOEVER DESIRES TO LOVE LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, LET HIM KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT; LET HIM TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; LET HIM SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT. FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE ON THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN TO THEIR PRAYER. BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."**

**1 PETER 3:8-17**

**NOW WHO IS THERE TO HARM YOU IF YOU ARE ZEALOUS FOR WHAT IS GOOD? BUT EVEN IF YOU SHOULD SUFFER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, YOU WILL BE BLESSED. HAVE NO FEAR OF THEM, NOR BE TROUBLED, BUT IN YOUR HEARTS HONOR CHRIST THE LORD AS HOLY, ALWAYS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE TO ANYONE WHO ASKS YOU FOR A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU; YET DO IT WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT, HAVING A GOOD CONSCIENCE, SO THAT, WHEN YOU ARE SLANDERED, THOSE WHO REVILE YOUR GOOD BEHAVIOR IN CHRIST MAY BE PUT TO SHAME. FOR IT IS BETTER TO SUFFER FOR DOING GOOD, IF THAT SHOULD BE GOD'S WILL, THAN FOR DOING EVIL.**

**1 PETER 3:8-17**



**“BELOVED, DO NOT BE SURPRISED AT THE FIERY TRIAL  
WHEN IT COMES UPON YOU TO TEST YOU, AS THOUGH  
SOMETHING STRANGE WERE HAPPENING TO YOU.”**

**1 PETER 4:12**

**“IF THE WORLD HATES YOU, KNOW THAT IT HAS HATED ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU. IF YOU WERE OF THE WORLD, THE WORLD WOULD LOVE YOU AS ITS OWN; BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, BUT I CHOSE YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATES YOU. REMEMBER THE WORD THAT I SAID TO YOU: ‘A SERVANT IS NOT GREATER THAN HIS MASTER.’ IF THEY PERSECUTED ME, THEY WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU. IF THEY KEPT MY WORD, THEY WILL ALSO KEEP YOURS. BUT ALL THESE THINGS THEY WILL DO TO YOU ON ACCOUNT OF MY NAME, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW HIM WHO SENT ME.”**

**JOHN 15:18-21**



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1 PETER 3:9



**BUT IF WHEN YOU DO GOOD AND  
SUFFER FOR IT YOU ENDURE, THIS IS A  
GRACIOUS THING IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.  
FOR TO THIS YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED**

**1 PETER 2:20-21**



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1 PETER 3:15



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“THEREFORE, LET THOSE WHO SUFFER ACCORDING TO GOD’S WILL **ENTRUST THEIR SOULS TO A FAITHFUL CREATOR** WHILE DOING GOOD.”

1 PETER 4:19



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<b>VERSE</b>	<b>RIGHT CONDUCT</b>	<b>RESULTING BLESSING</b>
1:8	LOVING CHRIST	UNUTTERABLE JOY
1:9	CONTINUING FAITH	MORE BENEFITS OF SALVATION
1:17	HOLY LIFE WITH FEAR	AVOIDING GOD'S FATHERLY DISPLEASURE
2:2	PARTAKING OF SPIRITUAL MILK	GROWING UP TOWARD SALVATION
2:19-20	TRUSTING GOD AND DOING RIGHT WHILE SUFFERING	GOD'S APPROVAL
3:1-2	SUBMITTING TO HUSBANDS	HUSBANDS WON FOR CHRIST
3:7	LIVING CONSIDERATELY WITH WIVES	PRAYERS NOT HINDERED
4:14	ENDURING REPROACH FOR CHRIST	SPIRIT OF GLORY AND OF GOD RESTS UPON YOU
5:7	CASTING CARES ON GOD	IMPLIES THAT HE WILL CARE FOR YOUR NEEDS
5:9-10	RESIST THE DEVIL	GOD WILL RESTORE, ESTABLISH, STRENGTHEN YOU



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**- C.S. LEWIS**



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1 PETER 3:8





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