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Heaven

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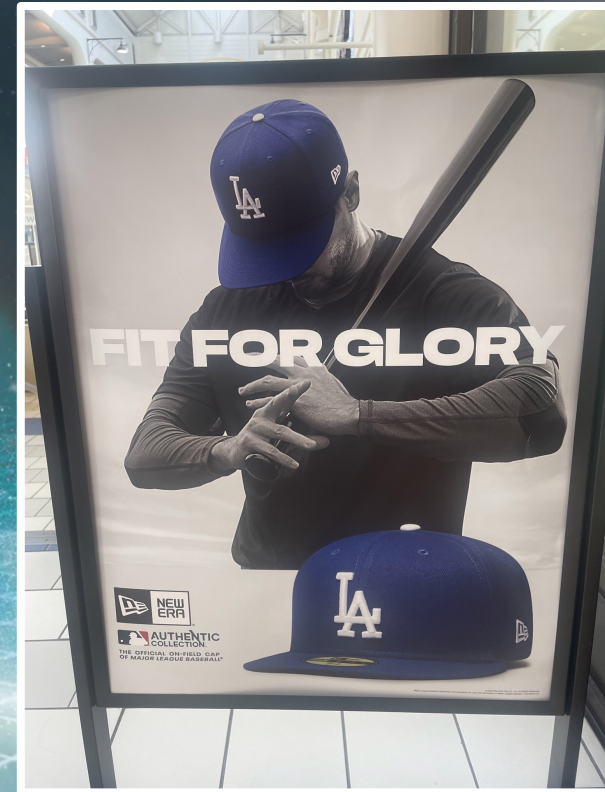
WELCOME

Session-4

October 9th

Session-4 1st Peter 2:1-25

- Living stones in Zion
- Submission to authority
- Zion's Chief Cornerstone
- Believers as royal priesthood
- The "Day of Visitation"



1st Peter 2:1-3 *Therefore* [directly connects to end of chapter-1] *putting aside*

all malice κακία *kakia* malign = intention to be/do wicked

all deceit δόλος *dolos* guile = *opposite of trusted fiduciary* [intentional misleading]

all hypocrisy ὑπόκρισις *hypokrisis* ‘under’ outer mask [actor] fake friendship

all envy φθόνος *ph-thonos* covetous wanting what belongs to others [intentional]

all slander καταλαλιὰ *katalalia* defaming gossip/stories/heresay [within intent]

“putting aside” is all about repentance - **intentionally taking something OFF**
and it’s intentionally noted **ALL** of these [malice, deceit, *hypo-crites*, envy, slander]

REMINDS ME OF Ephesians 5:3-17 *immorality impurity greed must not even be named among you*
NO filthiness silly talk coarse jesting - these are not fitting it is because of these things the Wrath of
God comes on sons of disobedience - DO NOT be partakers with them - you were formerly darkness
but now you are Light in the Lord - walk as children of Light – DO NOT participate in unfruitful deeds
of darkness instead even expose them - it is disgraceful even to speak of things done by them in secret
ALL things *become visible when exposed by Light, for this reason it says,*

“Awake, sleeper, arise from the dead - Christ will shine on you” [probably Isaiah 60:1]

Be careful how you walk, not as unwise but as wise making the most of your time, because the days
are evil - do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is

REMINDS ME OF

Ephesians 4:31-32 *Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice [malign]*

Galatians 5:19-21 *deeds of the flesh are evident: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, φαρμακεία, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these*

Psalms 1 *how blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked nor stand in the pathways of sinners nor sit in the seat of those who scoff*

James 4:1 *the source of quarrels & conflicts? YOUR pleasures that wage war in your members*

1st Peter 2:1-3 *like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word so that by it*

desire sincere

you may grow in respect to salvation if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord

sincere milk of Word is exact opposite of 'deceit' [e.g.: *paraphrases*]
including 'Jesus Calling' 'Passion Bible'

VERY interesting Saul [Heb. 5:13] *if only 'milk' you remain an infant/immature Christian*

Peter is admonishing those who have not even yet tasted of the BASICS

Saul is admonishing those who know the BASICS but need to move to full spiritual maturity

'meat' of the Word

1st Peter 2:4-8 *And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men personally*

Isaiah 53:1 *Jesus was rejected*

ζάω λίθος *Zoa-Lithos*

but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also as living stones are being built up as a spiritual house Saul calls Church 1st Cor. 3:16 *you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

πνευματικός οἶκος

Eph. 2:20-22 Apostles and Prophets are foundation - Jesus is Cornerstone - whole building fitted into the Temple of the Lord in whom YOU also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit

Revelation 21:14 the Wall of the New Jerusalem had 12 foundation stones and on them were the 12 names of the 12 Apostles of the Lamb

Acts 17 Saul on Areopagus in Athens v24-28 *God does not dwell in a house made by human hands [like their Greek temples]*

Acts 7:48-49 Stephen's sermon *Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands*
quotes Isaiah 66:1 *Heaven is my throne - Earth my footstool*
What kind of house could man build for me?
Where would be my place to relax and rest?



Shanghai
airport
terminal
conveyor walkway

continue from v8 . . . Built up as a spiritual house

for a **holy priesthood** *to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ*

These are fulfillment of the Earthly “types” or “foreshadows”

Heb. 4:16 we can now draw near **ON OUR OWN** [no priest-intermediary needed]

Rev. 1:6 Jesus made us as priests who can now enter in directly to God the Father

WHAT are **spiritual sacrifices** that we as priests can offer up to God?

Heb. 13:15-16 *Through Him let us continually offer up a **sacrifice of praise** to God*

that is the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name and do not neglect

*doing good and sharing - for with **such sacrifices** God is pleased*

AND

Romans 12:1-2 *I urge you brethren by the mercies of God to **present your bodies a living and HOLY sacrifice** - acceptable to God which is your **spiritual service of worship** do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good, acceptable, and perfect*

for this is contained in Scripture: “Behold I lay in Zion a choice stone a precious Cornerstone and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed” - This precious value is for you who believe but for those who disbelieve “the stone the builders rejected became the very Cornerstone and a stone of stumbling a rock of offense - they stumble because they are disobedient to the Word and to this doom [judgment] they were also appointed

1st Corinth. 1:23 *we preach Christ crucified to Jews a stumbling block - to Gentiles foolishness*
those “prophets who prophesied” . . . **First Coming = humble servant to die for our sins**
Second Coming = conquering King to rule + reign

Consider also: Isaiah 8:14 28:6 28:16 **Psalm 118:22** *Jesus the Christ is chosen + precious*
Matt. 21:42-46 *Jesus says He is this Chief Cornerstone*

Jesus was continuously despised and rejected by the religious elite
Rejecting Jesus results in 'death' [Jesus the stone will grind to dust]

WHO is the Rock? 1st Corinth. 10:4 *in the wilderness they drank from Rock WHO is Christ*

WHO is the Rock?

1st Corinth. 10:4

Exodus 17:6

John 4:13-14

John 7:37-39

Ephesians 2:20-21

Romans 9:31-33

Daniel 2:34

1st Corinth. 1:23

in the wilderness they drank from Rock WHO is Christ

THE Rock of Horeb from which came living water

Jesus said if you drink of HIM you will never thirst again

Jesus, "Is anyone thirsty?" Come to ME to drink

Jesus is that Rock - THE Cornerstone

Israel stumbled over THE 'stumbling rock'

the Stone not cut by human hands - eventually FILLS Earth

We preach Jesus crucified

to Gentiles it's FOOLISHNESS

to Jews it's a STUMBLING BLOCK

1st Peter 2:9-12 *But you are : 1) a chosen race γένος **genos***

2) a Royal Priesthood ιεράτευμα **hierateuma** Rev. 1:6

3) a holy nation ἔθνος **ethnos**

4) a people λαός **laos** 'tribe' for God's very own possession

Function of Priest? *To intercede before God on behalf of another*

Now as Priests we can enter in boldly, confidently

Hebrews 10:19-25 *we now have confidence to personally enter the Holy Place*

Jesus is a Priest Hebrews 6:20 *according to the order of Melchizedek*

Other kings + priests? Remember: Kings rule [Judah] Priests serve-intercede [Levites]

BIBLE recognizes 3 who are BOTH!

For now, Jesus is the ONE mediator between God and mankind. [1st Timothy 2:5]

- 1) Melchizedek Gen. 14:8 “King of Shalom” *Jeru-shalom* = ‘teach peace’
- 2) Jesus Christ ‘*after the order of Melchizedek*’ 1st Tim. 2:5 ‘the ONE man’
- 3) Believers will ‘*rule and reign*’ and ‘*have direct access to God*’
Exactly like the 24 elders in heaven [they also are Believers]

*so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you
out of darkness into His marvelous light - for you once were NOT a people but NOW
you are the people of God - you had NOT received mercy but NOW you have received mercy
Beloved I exhort you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war
against the soul - keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles so that in the thing in
which they slander you as evildoers, they may [because of your good deeds as they
observe them Matt. 5:16 'you light before men'] ... Glorify God in the Day of Visitation
Isaiah 10:3 Micah 7:4 Jeremiah 46:21, 50:27 [not 'punishment']
Jesus' DAY Luke 19:44 not one STONE upon another because missed YOUR DAY*

1st Peter 2:13-20 *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men Act as "FREE MEN" and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil - but use it as bondslaves of God Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king*

- Many attempts over the centuries to justify slavery with this passage
- But notice this obedience is in regards to **FREE MEN!**
- Peter stated he had a higher authority to obey **Acts 5:29** *we must obey God*

1st Peter 2:13-20 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable, for this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly - for what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience?

But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God

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- However, the precursor logic negates this being applied to the institution of slavery because the evil sinful darkness of enslaving another human being [exact opposite of truth] cannot be connected to a foundational spiritual truth
- Clear Context: *Suffering for the sake of the Lord's name in your sound witness*


1st Peter 2:21-25 *For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps – who committed no sin nor was any deceit found in His mouth, and while being reviled, He did not revile in return - while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously - and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness - or by His wounds you were healed*

For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls

- This is **HOW** we are called to live at this **TIME** ‘during our stay upon the Earth’
- Jesus Christ is our example
- the World **WILL** revile you **John 15:18-20** *it will hate you because you are not of this Earth*

SUMMARY COMMENTARY

- *God does not dwell in a structure made by human hands* [27 yrs in this sanctuary]
- **FIRST** God dwells in Heaven HIS throne/majesty/dominion/ruling/reigning over all
- **SECOND** God walked with mankind in Eden [face-to-face fellowship]
- **THIRD** God filled the tabernacle in wilderness then filled Temple in Jerusalem
- **FOURTH** God periodically and temporarily filled people for certain tasks
- **FIFTH** God dwells within all true believers *Ephesians 1:14 our down payment*
- **SIXTH** God building His Church body one person at a time “Living Stones”
- * **SEVENTH** God’s Millennial Kingdom has a functioning Temple Jesus on David’s throne
- * **EIGHTH** God’s New Earth for mankind has New Jerusalem God ‘tabernacles’ with us!!



1st Corinthians 2:9 *Eye has not seen Ear has not heard
it has not even begun to enter the heart and mind of mankind
that which God has prepared for those who love Him*

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Next Monday

Session-6

October 23rd

1st Peter 3:1-22

the 'Mystery' of marriage

the *foreshadow* of marriage