

# "THE PILGRIM'S RESPONSE TO HUMAN GOVERNMENTS"

(1 Peter 2:13-17)

# Our Living Hope

 We are but "pilgrims" (vs. 1), implying there is a destination
 a goal - a HOMELAND! — Heb 11:13-16

This HOMELAND is spoken of as a LIVING HOPE which Peter points to as a means of encouraging us to ENDURE — 1:6-9,13,13; 5:9-11 OUR LIVING HOPE (1:1-12)

BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY (1:13-2:3)

CORNER STONE OR STUMBLING STONE (2:4-10)

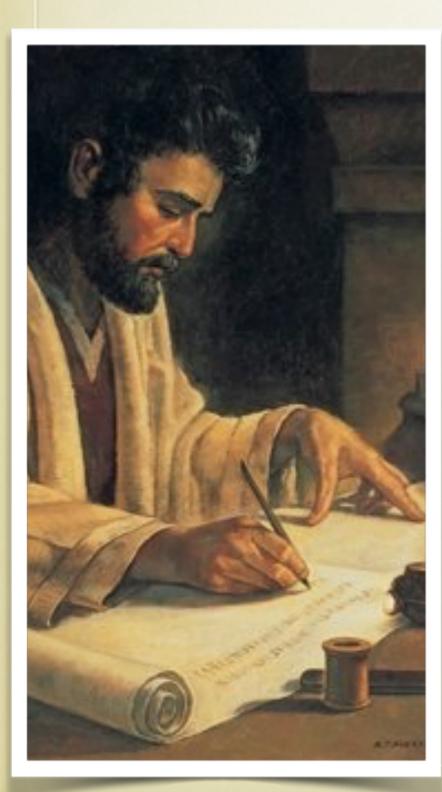
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#### PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF HOLY LIVING (2:13-5:5)



The Beginning Of A Section Dealing With The Christian And His Relation-Ships -

Civil – 2:13-17

- Professional 2:18-25
- Marital 3:1-7
- Social 3:8-4:6;12-19
- Familial 4:7-11
- Congregational 5:1-5

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- hupotasso (ὑποτάσσω, 5293) to submit to the orders or directives of someone—'to obey, to submit to, obedience, submission.' ... Lou Nida
- To place one's self under / of one's own willing acceptance.

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- 1 Peter 2:18 "Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear,"
- Peter 3:1 "Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands,"
- Peter 5:5 "Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders."

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1 Peter 2:13 (NKJV) <sup>13</sup> Therefore submit ourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, "To Every Ordinance Of Man" (13)
ESV / NASB / NET — "to every human institution,"

- NIV / HCSB "to every human authority"
- Christians are to observe man-made laws as long as those laws do not conflict with the clear teaching of Scripture (cf. Acts 4:19).

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## " "For The Lord's Sake" (13)

- The motivation for obedience is not avoiding punishment but is for the Lord's sake.
- The Lord has entrusted this power to civil rulers and requires our submission to it (2:15a; Rom. 13:1)
- We are representatives of Christ, i.e., we are to magnify Him before an unbelieving world, avoiding the occasion for others to stumble (2:15b; Rom. 14:21)

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#### "To Every Human Authority" (13,14)

- To the king; to Caesar (13b; John 19:15; Acts 17:7) who was at this time Nero.
- To the governor, such as Pontius Pilate, Felix, and Festus, who had under the emperor the government of particular nations, provinces, and cities (14a; Mat 27:2; Acts 23:26).
- Those who are sent to punish evil (14; Rom. 13:3, 4).
- To praise the good (Rom. 13:3,4).

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- Regardless of the treatment or judgments of the "governing authorities" Christians are to do good (15; vs. 12; Ac t17:5-8; 1 Thes 4:3; Rom. 12:21)
- Through excellent behavior we may silence the ignorant talk of foolish men (15; 2 Thes. 3:2)
- One of the best ways of meeting the accusations of our enemies is to lead a life of strict integrity (Titus 2:8)

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- Submission to authority does not negate liberty (cf. Gal. 5:1,18).
- Christian freedom is always conditioned by Christian responsibility (cf. Gal. 5:13) and must never be used **as a cover-up** (*epikalymma*, lit., "veil") **for evil**. (1 Th. 2:5. but. Ep. 6:6. Col. 3:24)
- Christians enjoy true freedom when we obey God and live as servants of God. (Jno. 8:32–36. Ro. 6:18, 22. 1 Co. 7:22; Ja. 1:25; 2:12. 2 Pe. 2:19)

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- Governing authorities that exist have been appointed by God (Daniel 4:17; Romans 13:1) — Even those that are evil (Exodus 9:16 [Egypt]; Isaiah 10:5-12 [Assyria]; Romans 13:1 [Rome] etc)
- No one holds any position of authority unless God gives it, therefore, to resist the government means to resist God (Rom. 13:2-4)
- We must submit unless the gov. requires we sin (Ac 4:18-20; 5:27-29)

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**Romans 13:7 (NKJV)** <sup>7</sup> Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due,* customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

## To succeed in our spiritual "pilgrimage" and reach our heavenly destination, we must heed this "plea to pilgrims"!

ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUST WHICH WAR AGAINST THE SOUL! (2:12)

As pilgrims we are governed by the King of heaven and earth – But, as we sojourn here on earth we must submit to the powers instituted by God -

# Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV)

<sup>34</sup> Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

**Proverbs 29:2** (NKJV) <sup>2</sup> When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

1 Timothy 2:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

## 1 Timothy 2:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. <sup>3</sup> For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

Philippians 3:20–21 (NKJV) <sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

- We Are "Sojourners And Pilgrims"...
- We Are Engaged In Warfare...
- We Are Being Observed By Others...
- Is MY Life Glorifying God?

## "GODLY LIVING IN AN UNGODLY WORLD"

(1 Peter 2:11-25) A STUDY

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Ephesians 4:17–24 (NKJV) <sup>17</sup> This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Ephesians 4:17–24 (NKJV) <sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ, <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.