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

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

ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS (2:11-12)

RESPONSE TO HUMAN GOVERNMENT (2:13-17)

RESPONSE TO ABUSIVE AUTHORITY (2:18–25)



# l Peter 3:1-7 A God Honoring Marriage

"heirs together of the grace of life"





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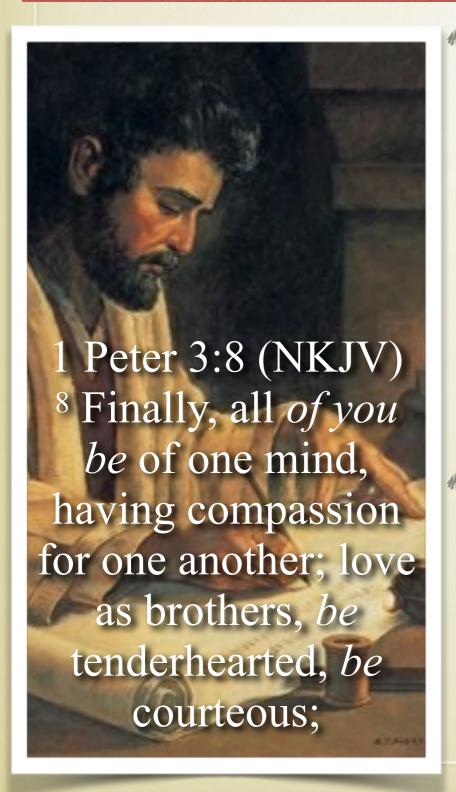
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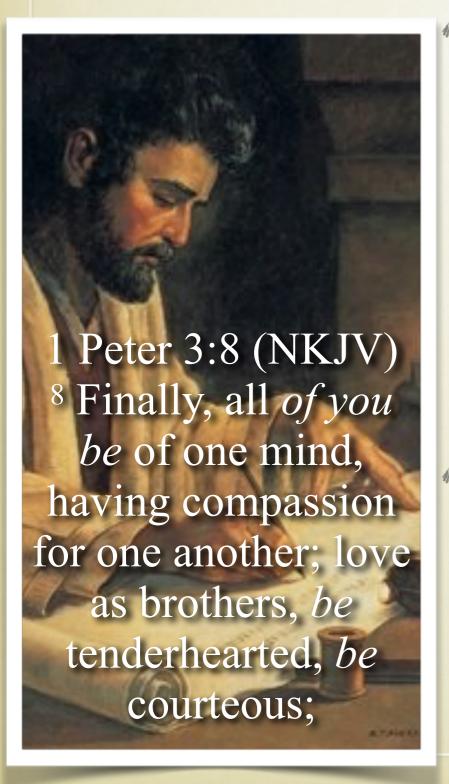
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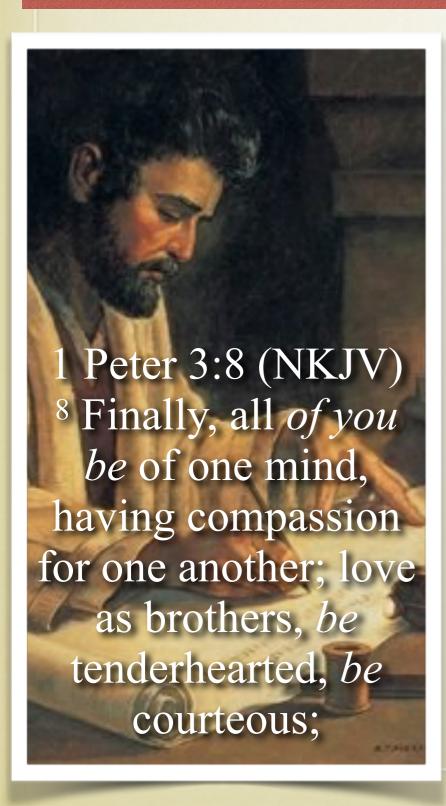


- To "Be Of One Mind" (8)
  - Be united in the same purpose, the same goal (Jn 17:20,21; Phil. 2:1-4)
  - Achieved when all submit to the will of God in attitude and faith (Eph 4:2-6, 12-16; Ro. 12:16; 15:5; 1 Co. 1:10; Phi. 3:16)
- To Have "Compassion For One Another" (Nasv, "Sympathetic") (8)
  - To have pity,- (being moved by the problems of others) (Romans 12:15; Mt 9:35-36; He 4:15)

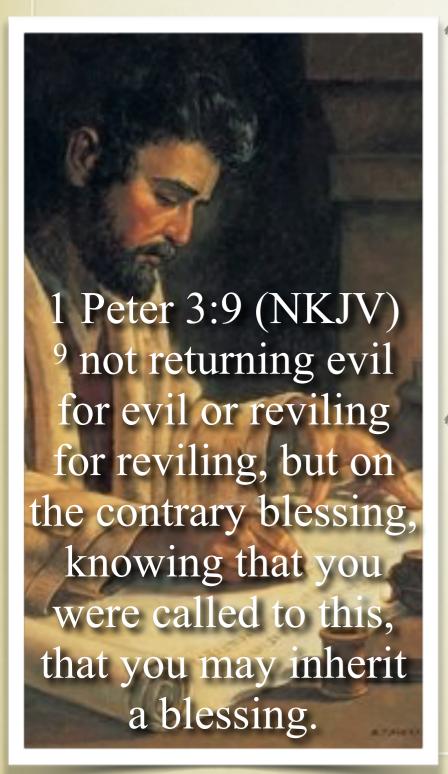


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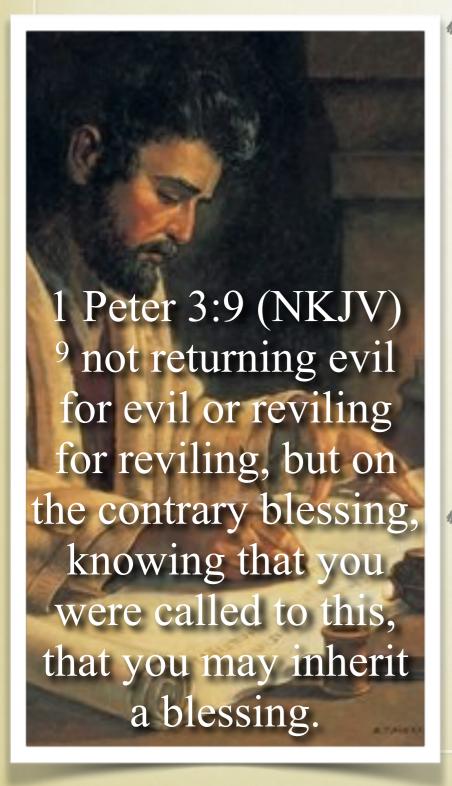
- Literally, to be "brother lovers"
- This attribute is essential, for if we do not love our spiritual brothers and sisters we do not love of God (1 John 4:20) and we do not know God (1 John 4:7-8)
- To "Be Tenderhearted" (Nasv, "Kindhearted") (8)
  - A reference to deeply held emotions for others (Kelley, 136) (Ep 4:22-24, 31-32; Co 3:8-10,12)



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  - When we are spoken against we must return good (2:21-23)

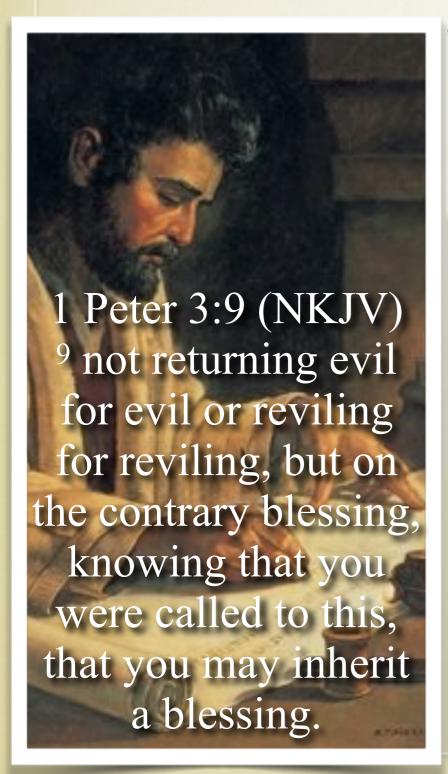


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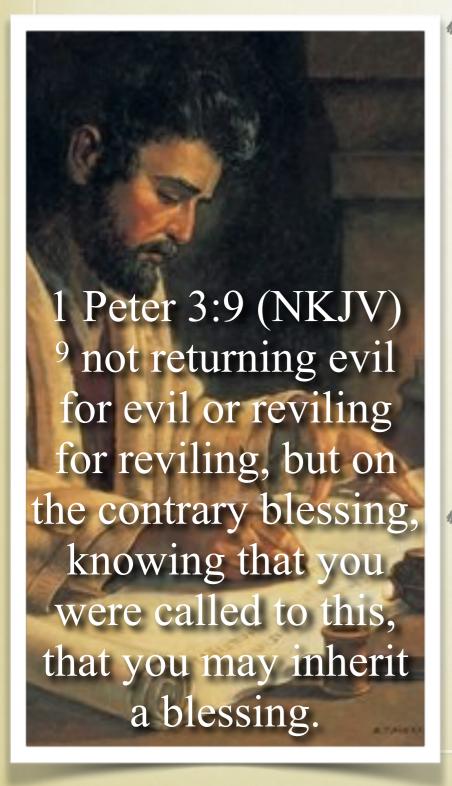
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In Support Of His Previous Statements, Peter Quotes From Psalm 34:12-16 (10-12)

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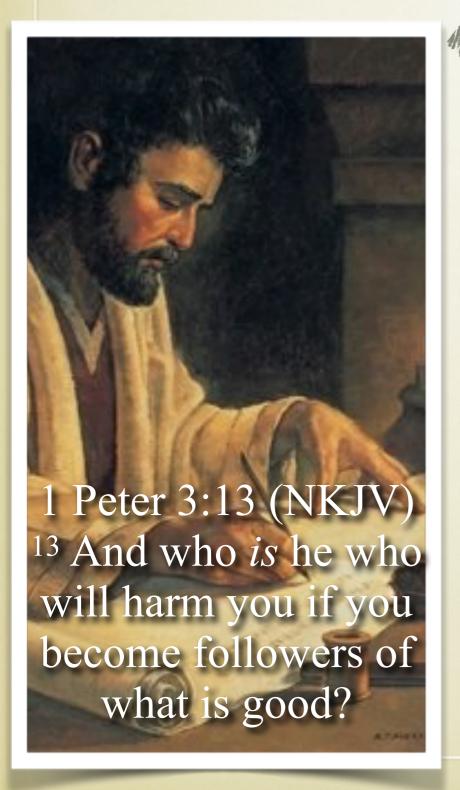
#### **Proverbs 6:16–19 (NKJV)**

hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: <sup>17</sup> A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, <sup>19</sup> A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

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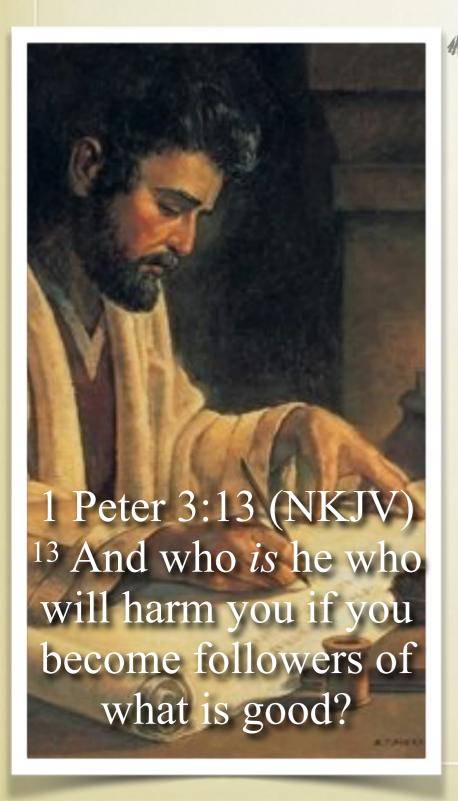
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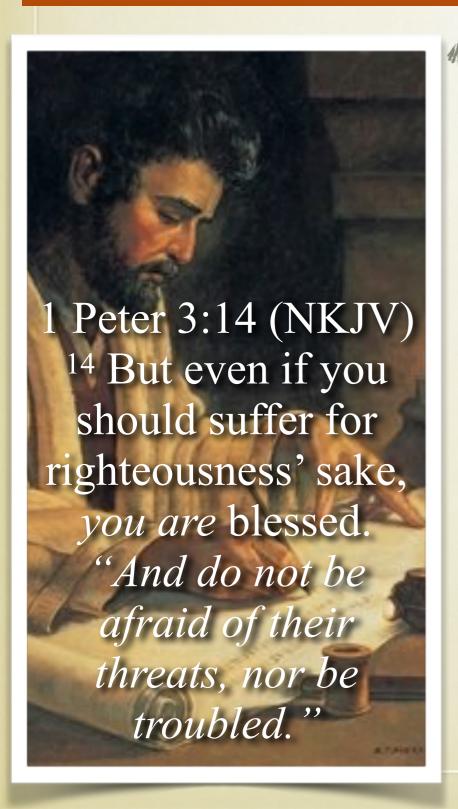
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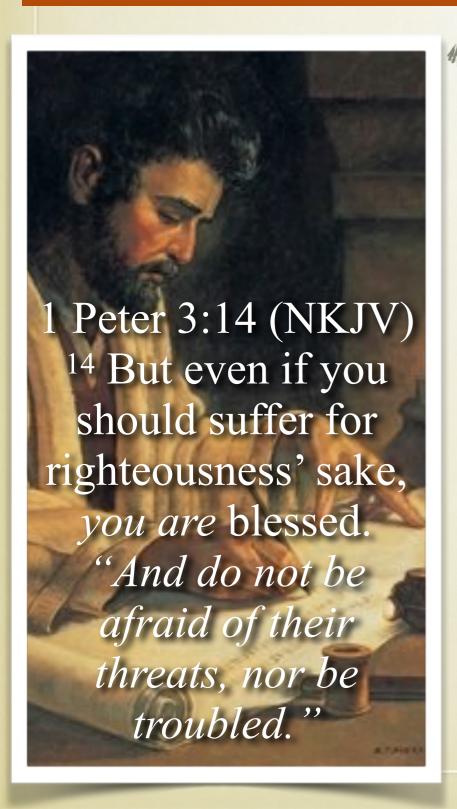
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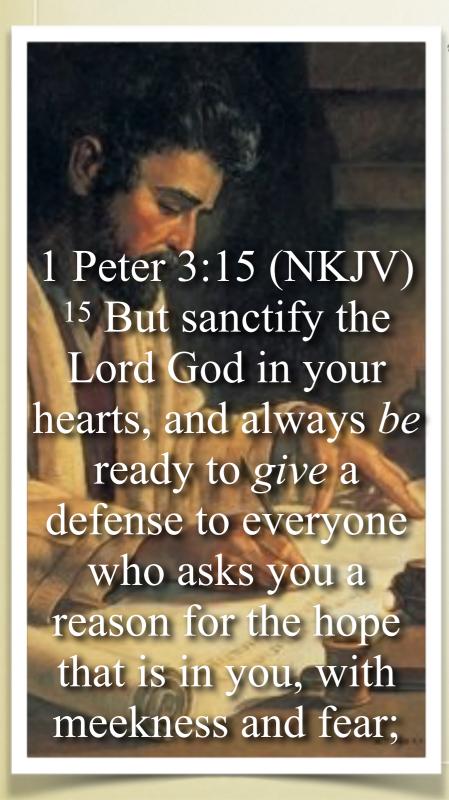
# But Even If You Should Suffer ... (14)

- Peter is not saying the righteous will not suffer in verse 13, but that living godly will be helpful in minimizing our suffering (2:14; Rom. 13:3)
- He is also promising that those who would do us harm CANNOT actually do us harm (Mat. 5:10–12; 10:18–22, 28, 39; 16:25; 19:29; Luke 12:5; etc.)
- We are ACTUALLY BLESSED if we suffer for doing good (James 1:12)



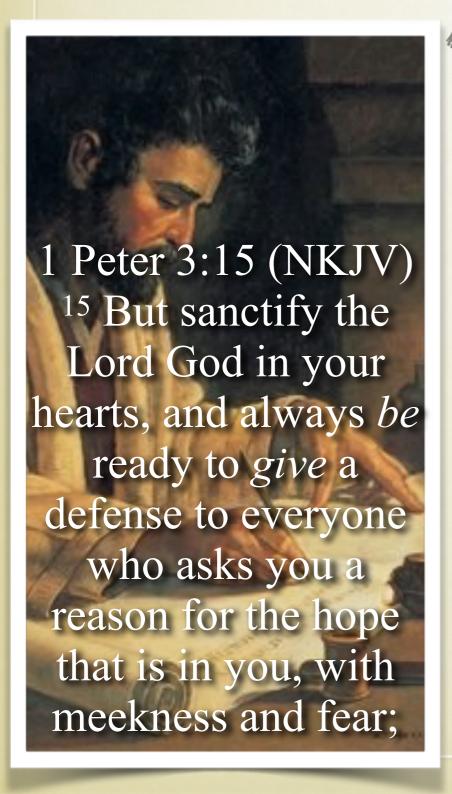
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- They needed instruction in how to prepare themselves that they might be victorious in overcoming whatever persecution will come their way (Acts 14:22; 2 Tim 3:12; 2 Co. 12:10; Phi. 1:29)
- Those who endure will indeed be BLESSED (James 1:12; Mat. 5:10-12)
- If we die for Christ, we will receive the crown of life (Re. 2:10; Ro. 8:28)



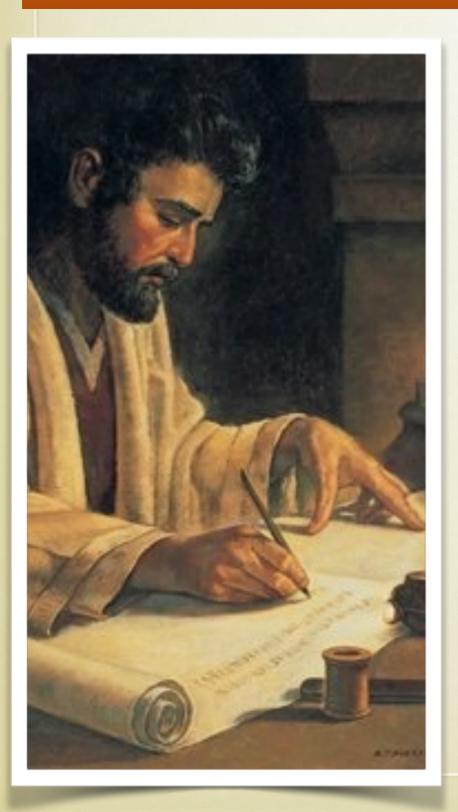
# Sanctify The Lord God In Your Hearts (15)

- To make Jesus the Lord and Ruler of your heart (mind, will, deeds) (Luke 6:46)
- "Only he who can say, 'The Lord is the strength of my life' can go on to say, 'Of whom shall I be afraid?' "(Expositions of Holy Scriptures, 16:42



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- As a result Christians should always be prepared (hetoimoi, "ready"; cf. 1:5) to give ... the reason (apologian, the "defense" which a defendant makes before a judge; cf. Acts 22:1; 25:16) for their hope in Christ.
- Can we answer those who ask about our hope? Can we give them a reason for our faithfulness?



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  Christ (3:14,17)
- Sanctify The Lord In Your Hearts (3:14-15)
- Always Be Ready To Give A Defense (3:15)
- Keep Your Conscience Clean (3:16)

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## Romans 12:9-21 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup> distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

## Romans 12:9-21 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.