

"Persecution Prep 101"

A Study Of Acts - Part 2

INTRO: To be witnesses to the uttermost will of necessity run us afoul of the satanic forces, society, and our own sin nature. Persecution will naturally arise to mute our testimony. Yet, like Paul we can stand in the midst of the persecution, and actually see God use that persecution to further our witness.

IV. ...YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME IN THE UTTERMOST

13:1 - 28:31

3. The Rome Journey 21:14 - 28:31

(1) At Caesarea - 24:1 - 26:32

3a. Hearing #3 - 25:13 - 26:32

1b. The Prominent Players 25:13-14a

1c. The Frustrated Roman

2c. The Figurehead Royal

3c. The Foul Reminder

4c. The Faithful Representative

2b. The Perplexing Problem 25:14b-22

1c. Its Puzzling Analysis

2c. Its Possible Answer

3b. The Perfect Providence

1c. Divinely Arranged

2c. Divinely Assembled

3c. Divinely Aroused

4b. The Powerful Proclamation 26:1-32

CONCL: Paul gives us, perhaps, our most complete primer on handling the perils of persecution. He did so with grace and determination, and as such was a powerful witness in the midst of the trials. So can we! Let us study carefully Persecution Prep 101, the Apostolic course on Oppression Outreach!

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"Hope For The Hurting"

A Study Of 1 Peter

INTRO: Everywhere you look today you see people hurting. It is a part of our lives. Sometimes the hurt can lead to such despair. But it does not have to do so. Our heavenly Father, through his servant Peter, has given us all the coping devices one could ever need, not to mention many, many good reasons to rejoice instead!

I. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR SALVATION - 1 Peter 1:1-25

II. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR STANDING - 1 Peter 2:1-10

III. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR SUBMISSION - 1 Peter 2:11 - 3:12

IV. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR STAND - 1 Peter 3:13 - 4:6

V. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR SOON DEPARTURE - 4:7-19

1. The Imminency v. 7a

2. The Importance

(1) For Our Actions vv. 7b-11

(2) For Our Attitude vv. 12-19

1a. We Should Rejoice

1b. Knowing Our Prospects vv. 12-13

2b. Knowing Our Privilege v. 14

2a. We Should Review

1b. Our Reasons For Suffering vv. 15-16a

2b. Our Reaction To Suffering v. 16b

3a. We Should Reflect

1b. On Judgment For The Righteous vv. 17a-18a

2b. On Judgment For The Rebellious v. 18b

4a. We Should Rest

1b. In Our Sovereign God v. 19a

2b. In Our Sufficient God v. 19b

CONCL: Dr. R. L. Matthews said it well, "If we knew better the character of God, we would not need the promises of God." We have a Father we can trust, ***no matter what we face in life!***

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