

THE BOOK OF FIRST PETER

"Biblical Holiness"

I Peter 1:13-21

Intro. 1. The standard of God is perfection. Anything less than this is spiritual shortness.

2. There are many reasons which the Word of God advances for a holy walk. Attend to the following given in our text:

1. God's SALVATION. v. 13.

This is promised on the "wherefore." Note that Peter states salvation is: a. Prophesied. vv. 10, 11. b. Planned. vv. 2, 6, 7, 8, 9. c. Predicated. vv. 2, 5, 9.

2. God's PERFECTION. vv. 15, 16.

The perfection of God here mentioned is a moral perfection. It denotes that God abounds infinitely with moral cleanness. The appeal in these verses rests upon that which is: a. Personal. b. Scriptural. c. Ideal.

It is downright sacrilege to dispose of oneself after the impurity of the world when God has consecrated you to Himself!

3. God's ACTION. v. 17.

The thought here is that the judgment of God touches every child of God. He must watch, therefore, his manner of living. The judgment He presses is: a. Paternal. b. Impartial. c. Universal.

4. God's REDEMPTION. vv. 18-21.

The redemption of a soul from the clutches of sin forms a sound basis for personal holiness. This redemption, states Peter, is: a. Actual. b. Effectual. c. Consequential.

Conclusion: In the matter of personal holiness, we have studied an explanation of it, then some directions to perform it, and finally, some reasons for actually doing it. Is not this the Word of God? Can we dispute His written revelation? Does not your soul respond to say--this is for me? Oh, beloved Christian friend, I urge you to take your stand with the remnant of the godly in Zion. Make it your unceasing goal to please Him in all things for HE IS HOLY.